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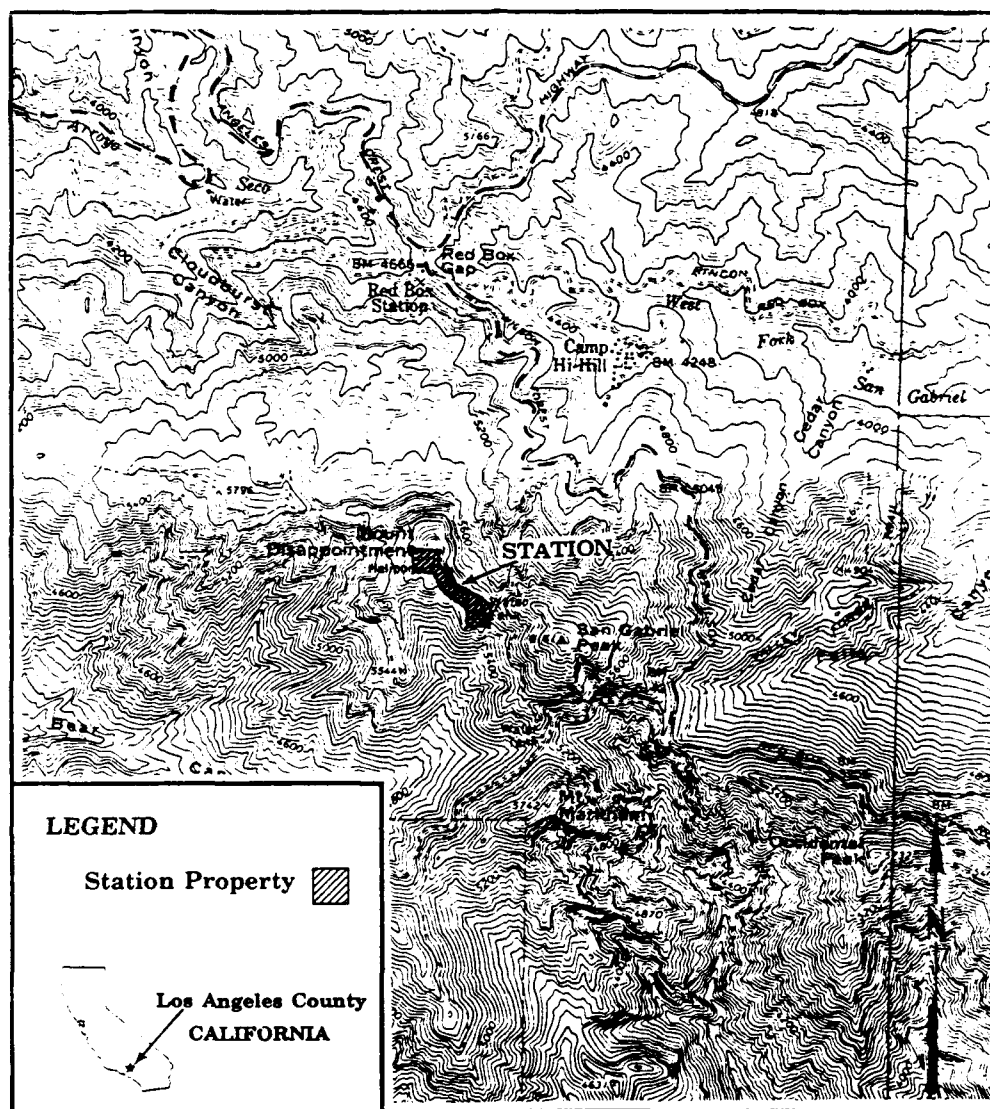


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## ACRONYM LIST

CCGP	Combat Communications Group
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
DEQPPM	Defense Environmental Quality Program Policy Memorandum
DERP	Defense Environmental Restoration Program
DoD	Department of Defense
DOT	Department of Transportation
DRMO	Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office
EO	Executive Order
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FR	Federal Register
FS	Feasibility Study
HARM	Hazard Assessment Rating Methodology
HAS	Hazard Assessment Score
HAZWRAP	Hazardous Waste Remedial Actions Program
IRP	Installation Restoration Program
NDDDB	Natural Diversity Data Base
NGB	National Guard Bureau
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
PA	Preliminary Assessment
PCB	Polychlorinated Biphenyl
PL	Public Law
POC	Point of Contact
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976
R&D	Research and Development
RI	Remedial Investigation
SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986
SciTek	Science & Technology, Inc.
SI	Site Investigation
USAF	United States Air Force
USC	United States Code



## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **A. INTRODUCTION**

Science & Technology, Inc. (SciTek) was retained to conduct the Installation Restoration Program (IRP) Preliminary Assessment (PA) of the 162nd Combat Communications Group (CCGP), Mt. Disappointment Air National Guard Station [hereinafter referred to as the Station] located at Mt. Disappointment in Los Angeles County, California. For the purpose of this document, the Station shall include the total area leased by the 162nd CCGP at Mt. Disappointment.

The PA included the following activities:

- o an on-site visit, including interviews with a total of six persons familiar with Station operations, and field surveys by SciTek representatives during April 23 through May 4, 1990;
- o acquisition and analysis of information on past hazardous materials use, waste generation, and waste disposal at the Station;
- o acquisition and analysis of available geological, hydrological, meteorological, and environmental data from federal, state, and local agencies; and
- o the identification and assessment of sites on the Station that may have been contaminated with hazardous wastes.

### **B. MAJOR FINDINGS**

Mt. Disappointment has been used as a radio relay station since 1958. There have been no operations or activities conducted at the Station's facilities that involved significant quantities of hazardous materials. Therefore, only negligible amounts of hazardous wastes requiring disposal have been generated by the Station.

The field surveys and interviews resulted in one site being identified that exhibits the potential for contaminant presence and migration.

### **C. CONCLUSIONS**

It has been concluded there is one site where a potential for contaminant presence exists. This site is as follows:

Site No. 1 - Heating Oil Tank at Building 304 (HAS - 53)

#### **D. RECOMMENDATIONS**

Additional work under the IRP is recommended for the potential site to determine the presence or absence of contamination.

## I. INTRODUCTION

### A. Background

The 162nd Combat Communications Group (CCGP), Mt. Disappointment Air National Guard Station [hereinafter referred to as the Station] is located at Mt. Disappointment in Los Angeles County, California. The 162nd CCGP has been active at Mt. Disappointment since 1973. Both the past and current operations at the Station have not involved the use of potentially hazardous materials or the disposal of wastes. However, because of the use of hazardous materials and the disposal of resultant wastes at typical Air National Guard stations, the National Guard Bureau (NGB) has implemented the Installation Restoration Program (IRP).

The IRP is a comprehensive program designed to:

- o Identify and fully evaluate suspected problems associated with past hazardous waste disposal and/or spill sites on Department of Defense (DoD) installations and
- o Control hazards to human health, welfare, and the environment that may have resulted from these past practices.

During June 1980, DoD issued a Defense Environmental Quality Program Policy Memorandum (DEQPPM 80-6) requiring identification of past hazardous waste disposal sites on DoD installations. The policy was issued in response to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (RCRA) and in anticipation of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA, Public Law (PL) 96-510), commonly known as "Superfund." In August 1981, the President delegated certain authority specified under CERCLA to the Secretary of Defense via an Executive Order (EO 12316). As a result of EO 12316, DoD revised the IRP by issuing DEQPPM 81-5 (December 11, 1981), which reissued and amplified all previous directives and memoranda.

Although the DoD IRP and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Superfund programs were essentially the same, differences in the definition of program activities and lines of authority resulted in some confusion between DoD and state/federal regulatory agencies. These difficulties were rectified via passage of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA, PL-99-499) of 1986. On January 23, 1987, Presidential Executive Order EO 12580 was issued. EO 12580 effectively revoked EO 12316 and implemented the changes promulgated by SARA.

The most important changes effected by SARA included the following:

- o Section 120 of SARA provides that federal facilities, including those in DoD, are subject to all provisions of CERCLA/SARA concerning site assessment, evaluation under the National Contingency Plan [40CFR300], listing on the National Priorities List, and removal/remedial actions. DoD must therefore comply with all the procedural and substantive requirements (guidelines, rules, regulations, and criteria) promulgated by the EPA under Superfund authority.
- o Section 211 of SARA also provides continuing statutory authority for DoD to conduct its IRP as part of the Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP). This was accomplished by adding Chapter 160, Sections 2701-2707 to Title 10 United States Code (10 USC 160).
- o SARA also stipulated that terminology used to describe or otherwise identify actions carried out under the IRP shall be substantially the same as the terminology of the regulations and guidelines issued by the EPA under their Superfund authority.

As a result of SARA, the operational activities of the IRP are currently defined and described as follows:

- o **Preliminary Assessment**

The Preliminary Assessment (PA) process consists of personnel interviews and a records search designed to identify and evaluate past disposal and/or spill sites that might pose a potential and/or actual hazard to public health, public welfare, or the environment. Previously undocumented information is obtained through the interviews. The records search focuses on obtaining useful information from aerial photographs; Station plans; facility inventory documents; lists of hazardous materials used at the Station; Station subcontractor reports; Station correspondence; Material Safety Data Sheets; federal/state agency scientific reports and statistics; federal administrative documents; federal/state records on endangered species, threatened species, and critical habitats; documents from local government offices; and numerous standard reference sources.

- o **Site Inspection/Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study**

The Site Inspection consists of field activities designed to confirm the presence or absence of contamination at the potential sites identified in the PA. An expanded Site Inspection has been designed by the Air National Guard as a Site Investigation. The Site Investigation (SI) will include additional field tests and the installation of monitoring wells to

provide data from which site-specific decisions regarding remediation actions can be made. The activities undertaken during the SI fall into three distinct categories: screening activities, confirmation and delineation activities, and optional activities. Screening activities are conducted to gather preliminary data on each site. Confirmation and delineation activities include specific media sampling and laboratory analysis to confirm either the presence or the absence of contamination, levels of contamination, and the potential for contaminant migration. Optional activities will be used if additional data is needed to reach a decision point for a site. The general approach for the design of the SI activities is to sequence the field activities so that data are acquired and used as the field investigation progresses. This is done in order to determine the absence or presence of contamination in a relatively short period of time, optimize data collection and data quality, and to keep costs to a minimum.

The Remedial Investigation (RI) consists of field activities designed to quantify and identify the potential contaminant, the extent of the contaminant plume, and the pathways of contaminant migration.

If applicable, a public health evaluation is performed to analyze the collected data. Field tests, which may necessitate the installation of monitoring wells or the collection and analysis of water, soil, and/or sediment samples, are required. Careful documentation and quality control procedures in accordance with CERCLA/SARA guidelines ensure the validity of data. Hydrogeologic studies are conducted to determine the underlying strata, groundwater flow rates, and direction of contaminant migration. The findings from these studies result in the selection of one or more of the following options:

1. **No Further Action** - Investigations do not indicate harmful levels of contamination that pose a significant threat to human health or the environment. The site does not warrant further IRP action, and a Decision Document will be prepared to close out the site.
2. **Long-Term Monitoring** - Evaluations do not detect sufficient contamination to justify costly remedial actions. Long-term monitoring may be recommended to detect the possibility of future problems.
3. **Feasibility Study** - Investigation confirms the presence of contamination that may pose a threat to human health and/or the environment, and some sort of remedial action is indicated. The Feasibility Study (FS) is therefore designed and developed to identify and select the most appropriate remedial action. The FS may include individual sites, groups of sites, or all sites on an

installation. Remedial alternatives are chosen according to engineering and cost feasibility, state/federal regulatory requirements, public health effects, and environmental impacts. The end result of the FS is the selection of the most appropriate remedial action with concurrence by state and/or federal regulatory agencies.

o **Remedial Design/Remedial Action**

The Remedial Design involves formulation and approval of the engineering designs required to implement the selected remedial action. The Remedial Action is the actual implementation of the remedial alternative. It refers to the accomplishment of measures to eliminate the hazard or, at a minimum, reduce it to an acceptable limit. Covering a landfill with an impermeable cap, pumping and treating contaminated groundwater, installing a new water distribution system, and in situ biodegradation of contaminated soils are examples of remedial measures that might be selected. In some cases, after the remedial actions have been completed, a long-term monitoring system may be installed as a precautionary measure to detect any contaminant migration or to document the efficiency of remediation.

o **Research and Development**

Research and Development (R&D) activities are not always applicable for an IRP site but may be necessary if there is a requirement for additional research and development of control measures. R&D tasks may be initiated for sites that cannot be characterized or controlled through the application of currently available, proven technology. It can also, in some instances, be used for sites deemed suitable for evaluating new technologies.

o **Immediate Action Alternatives**

At any point, it may be determined that a former waste disposal site poses an immediate threat to public health or the environment, thus necessitating prompt removal of the contaminant. Immediate action, such as limiting access to the site, capping or removing contaminated soils, and/or providing an alternate water supply may suffice as effective control measures. Sites requiring immediate removal action maintain IRP status in order to determine the need for additional remedial planning or long-term monitoring. Removal measures or other appropriate remedial actions may be implemented during any phase of an IRP project.

## **B. Purpose**

The purpose of this IRP PA is to identify and evaluate suspected problems associated with past waste handling procedures, disposal sites, and spill sites on Station property.

The potential for migration of hazardous contaminants was evaluated by visiting the Station, reviewing existing environmental data, analyzing Station records concerning the use of hazardous materials and the generation of hazardous wastes, and conducting interviews with current Station personnel who had knowledge of past waste disposal techniques and handling methods. Pertinent information collected and analyzed as part of the PA included a records search of the history of the Station; the local geological, hydrological, and meteorological conditions that might influence migration of contaminants; and ecological settings that indicate environmentally sensitive conditions.

## **C. Scope**

The scope was limited to the identification of sites at or under primary control of the Station and evaluation of potential receptors. The PA included:

- o an on-site visit and field surveys during the period April 23 through May 4, 1990;
- o acquisition of records and information on hazardous materials use and waste handling practices;
- o acquisition of available geological, hydrological, meteorological, land use and zoning, critical habitat, and related data from federal and state agencies;
- o a review and analysis of all information obtained; and
- o preparation of a summary report to include recommendations for further action.

The subcontractor effort was conducted by the following Science & Technology, Inc. (SciTek) personnel: Mr. Ray S. Clark, Civil/Environmental Engineer; Mr. P. J. McMullen, Geologist/Hydrogeologist; and Mr. Jack D. Wheat, Geologist. Ms. Carol Ann Beda of the NGB is Project Officer for this Station and participated in the overall assessment during the Station visit. Mr. Bob Combs of the Hazardous Waste Remedial Actions Program (HAZWRAP) also participated in the Station visit.

The point of contact (POC) for the Station was MSGT Guy Fleming (Group Facilities Manager and Group Environmental Coordinator). MSGT Fleming is

currently stationed at the North Highlands Air National Guard Station located in Sacramento, California.

#### D. Methodology

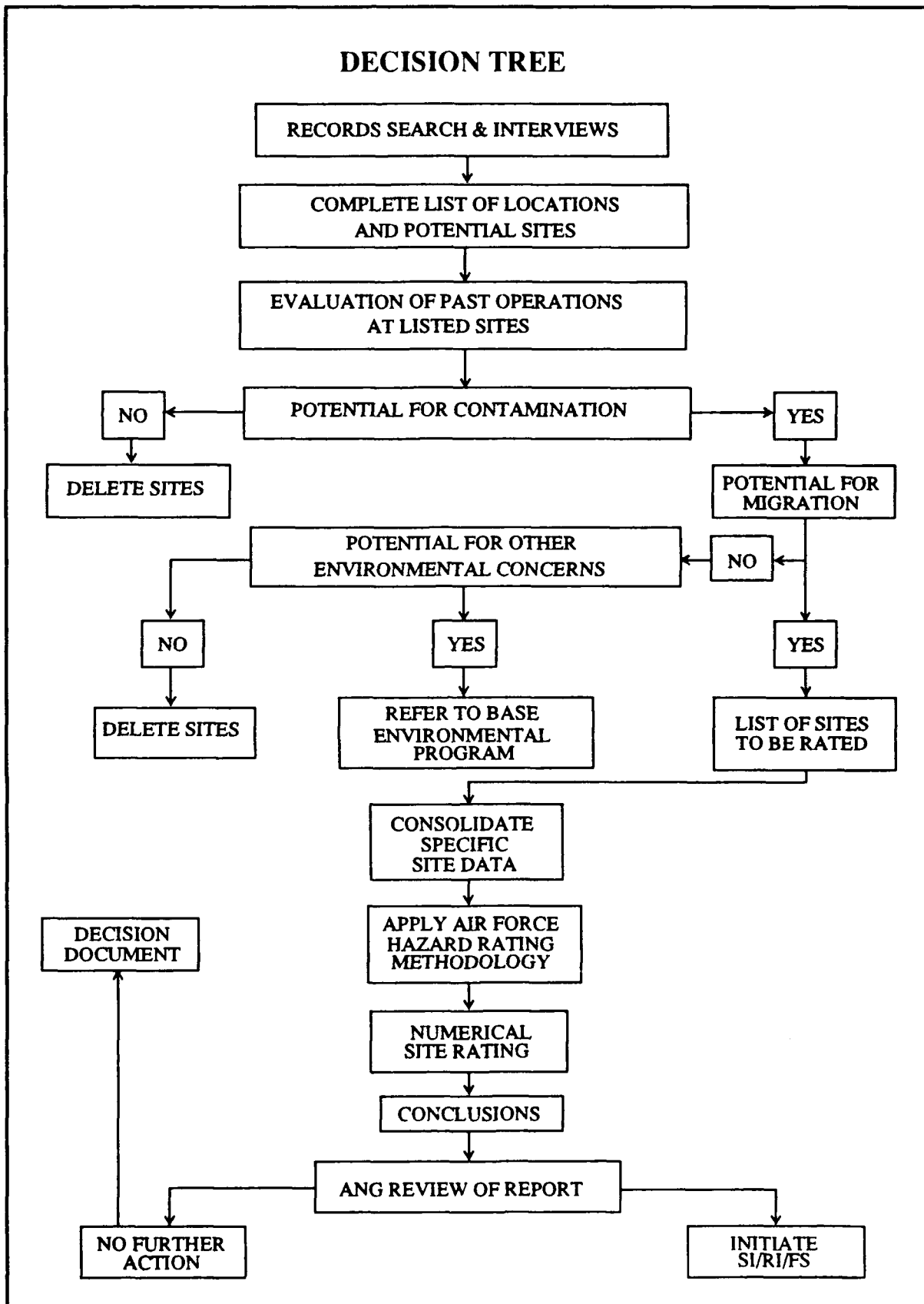
The PA began with a visit to the Station to identify all operations that may have used hazardous materials or may have generated hazardous wastes. Figure I.1 is a flow chart of the PA methodology.

A total of six current and past Station employees familiar with the various operating procedures were interviewed. These interviews were conducted to determine those areas where waste materials (hazardous or nonhazardous) were used, spilled, stored, disposed of, or released into the environment. The interviewees' knowledge and experience with Station operations averaged 12 years and ranged from 5 to 17 years. Records contained in the Station files were collected and reviewed to supplement the information obtained from the interviews.

Detailed geological, hydrological, meteorological, and environmental data for the area were obtained from the appropriate federal and state agencies. A listing of federal and state agency contacts is included as Appendix A.

After a detailed analysis of all the information obtained, it was concluded that one site was identified to be potentially contaminated with hazardous wastes. Under the IRP program, when sufficient information is available, sites are numerically scored and assigned a Hazard Assessment Score (HAS) using the Air Force Hazard Assessment Rating Methodology (HARM). However, the absence of a HAS does not necessarily negate a recommendation for further IRP investigation, but rather, may indicate a lack of data. A description of HARM is presented in Appendix B.





**Figure I.1**  
**Preliminary Assessment Methodology Flow Chart**

## II. INSTALLATION DESCRIPTION

### A. Location

The Mt. Disappointment Station is located within the Angeles National Forest approximately 4 miles northeast of Mt. Wilson in Los Angeles County, California. The major route to the Station is Highway 2 located just north of Interstate 210.

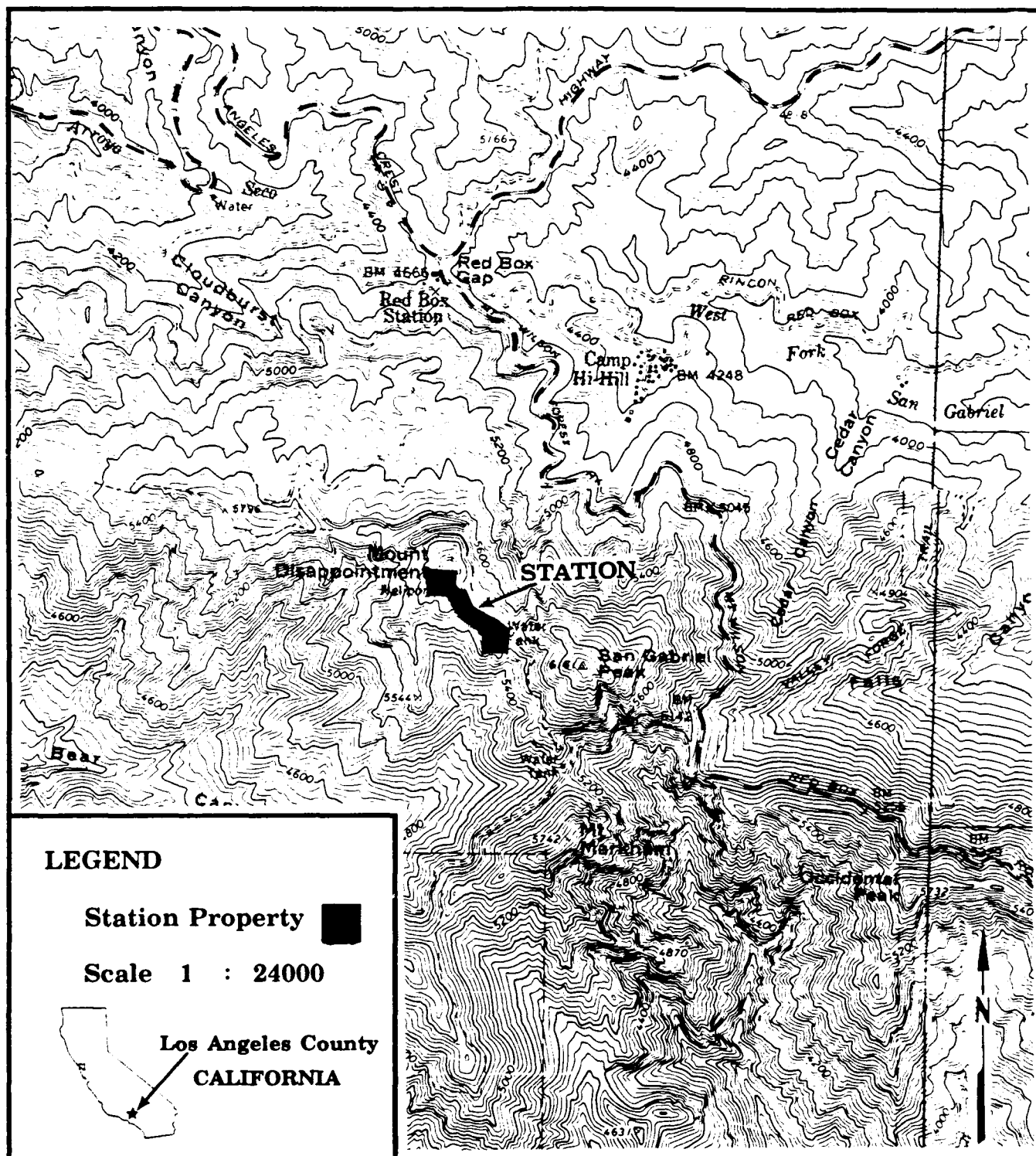
The Station occupies approximately 12 acres upon Mt. Disappointment. Figure II.1 illustrates the location of the Station. The population at the Station is normally zero through the week and on weekends. The Station is occupied whenever radio equipment needs to be repaired. The Station has three principal buildings for radio equipment, and the other acreage is used for radio antennas. The access road to the Station has a gate which is kept locked.

### B. Organization and History

The mission of the 162nd CCGP at Mt. Disappointment is to operate and maintain facilities providing communications in support of tactical air forces and state emergencies. This mission has remained basically the same through the years. The Air National Guard first leased the property from the Army on May 20, 1963. Six buildings were constructed on the property by the Army in 1958. Originally, the buildings were used for dormitories, the dining hall, and for housing radio equipment. Three of these buildings were demolished by the Air National Guard while the remaining three are used to house radio equipment and for small amounts of radio maintenance and repair.

Portions of the Station are leased to the the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Internal Revenue Service, and the Secret Service among others.

Because the area is used solely for radio relay, several antennas are located at the Station. There have been no activities at the Station that have generated significant amounts of hazardous materials. Maintenance operations on radio equipment is performed only as needed, and these activities seldom generate hazardous wastes.



SOURCE: USGS, Chialo Flat Quad, 34118-CI-TF-024, 1959 (photoinspected 1972); Mt. Wilson Quad, 34118-BI-TF-024, 1966 (photo revised 1988).

**Figure II.1**  
**Location Map of**  
**the Mt. Disappointment Air National Guard Station**

### III. ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

#### A. Meteorology

The following climatological data is taken from Climatography of the United States, No.81 - California (U.S. Department of Commerce, National Climatic Center, Asheville, N.C., 1982) and Climatic Atlas of the United States (U.S. Department of Commerce, National Climatic Center, Asheville, N.C., 1979).

Using nearby Mt. Wilson (Mt. Wilson FC 338 B, 4-6006) information, the average annual temperature for the 29-year period from 1951-1980 was 55.5°F. Monthly temperatures ranged from 43.4°F in January to 72.1°F in July.

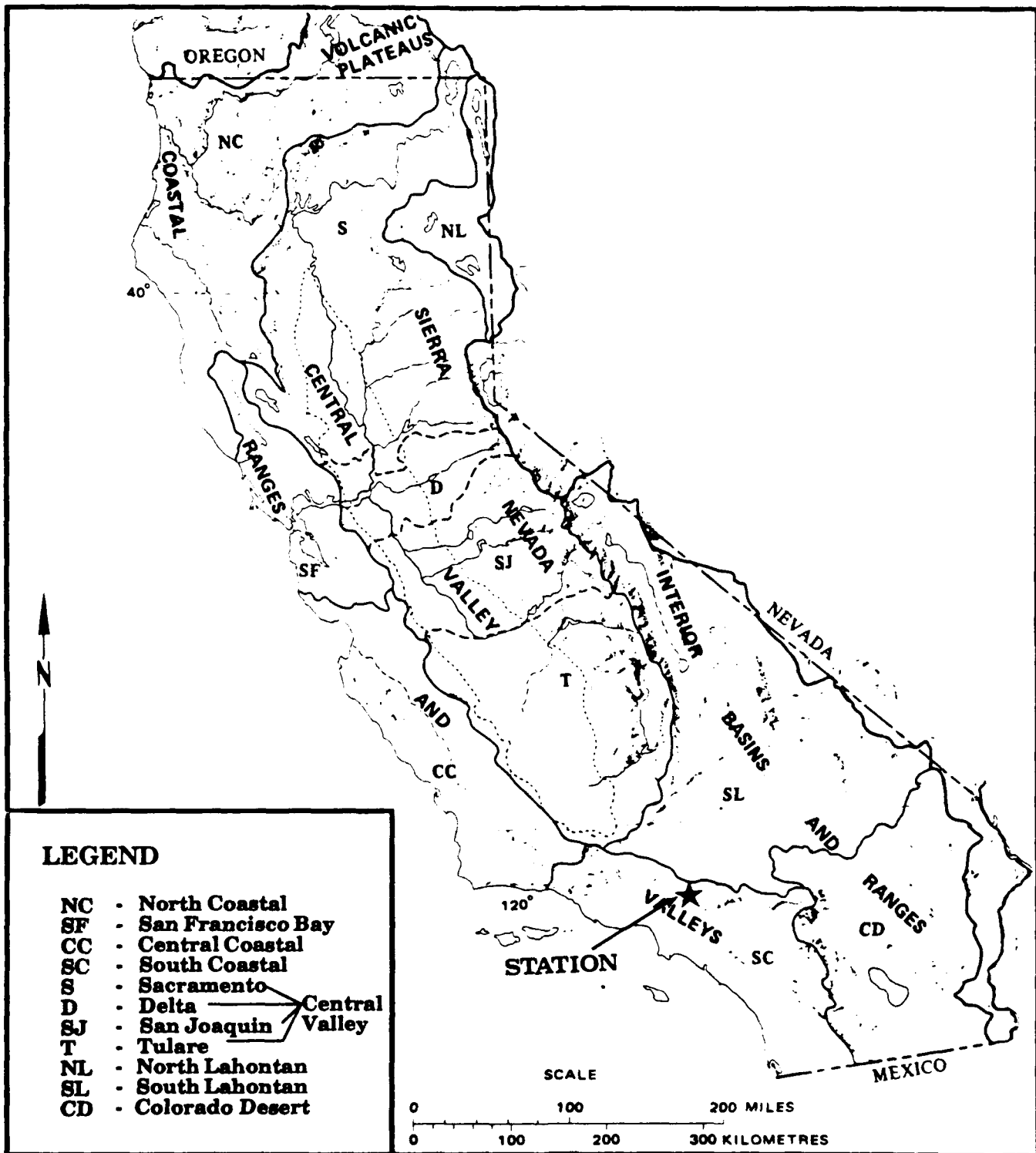
Annual precipitation averages 34 inches. Mean annual lake evaporation is 72 inches per year. Net precipitation, which is the difference between mean annual lake evaporation and the average annual precipitation, is -38 inches per year (47 FR 31224 July 16, 1982). Maximum rainfall intensity, based on a 1-year, 24-hour rainfall, is 3 inches (47 FR 31235 July 16, 1982, Figure No.8).

#### B. Geology

Mt. Disappointment is located along the crest of the San Gabriel Mountains at an average elevation of 5900 feet above mean sea level and is approximately 2200 feet northwest of San Gabriel Peak (elev. 6161 feet) and 3.5 miles northwest of Mt. Wilson Observatory (elev. 5705 feet).

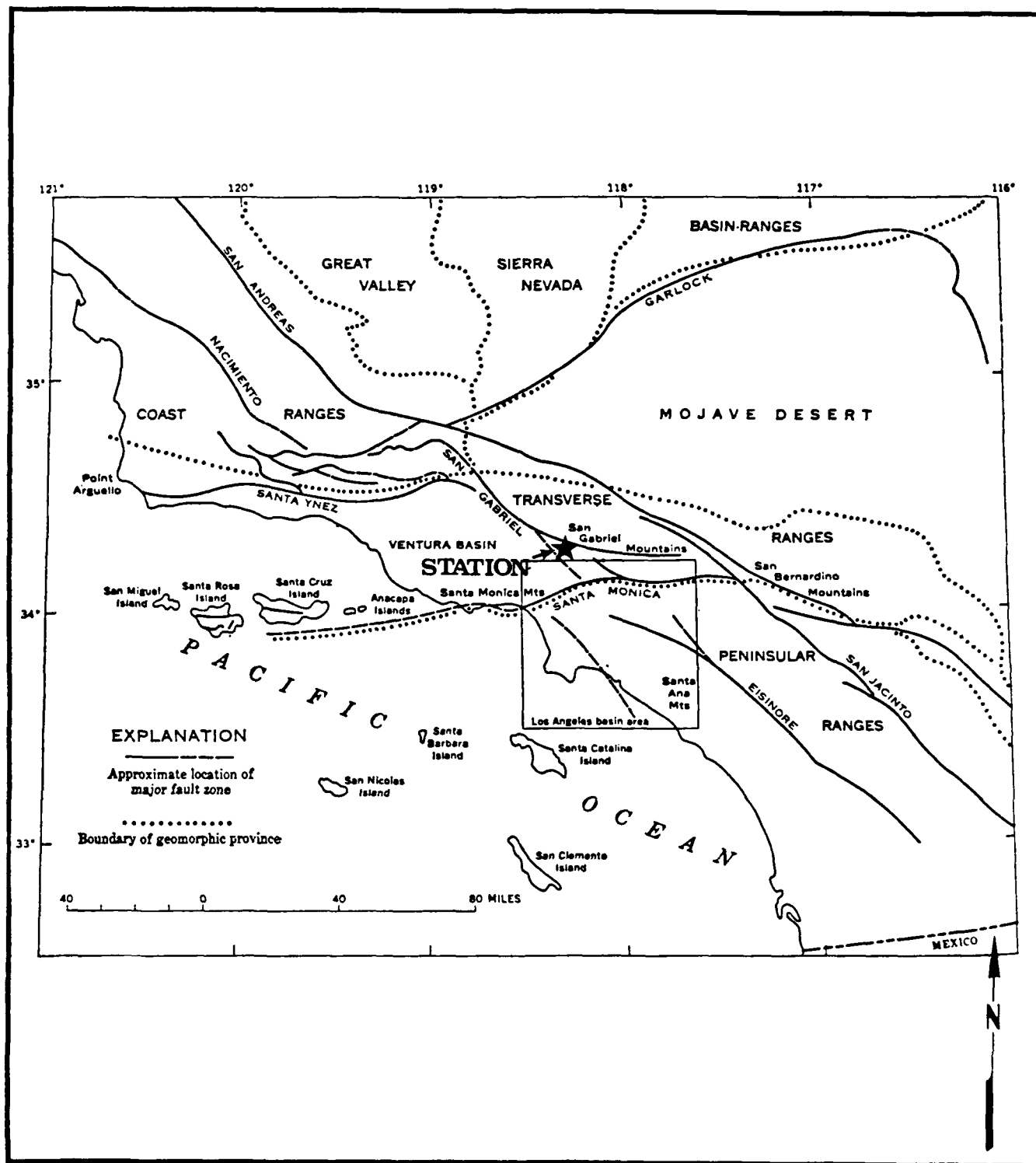
According to Yerkes, 1965, Mt. Disappointment is located within the central portion of the San Gabriel Mountains in the Transverse Range province which is a physiographic and structural unit that is oriented east-west at an oblique angle to the northwest-southeast trending adjacent Coastal Range and Peninsular Range provinces (Figures III.1, III.2A, III.2B). The mountains are generally quite steep and rugged and are dominated by steep-sided folds broken on their axes or along their flank by faults. These faults, which create large structural blocks, are steeply dipping and predominantly strike-slip (e.g. San Gabriel, San Andreas). In effect, the Station is part of a gigantic horst block of Precambrian crystalline rocks and Paleozoic metasedimentary rocks surrounded by Mesozoic granitic sequences (Corbato, 1963). This Mesozoic granitic sequence is mainly quartz, quartz monzonite, granodiorite and diorite (Figure III.3).

Additionally, Mt. Disappointment is located approximately 4 to 6 miles southeast of the juncture of the San Gabriel and Sierra Madre strike-slip fault zones.



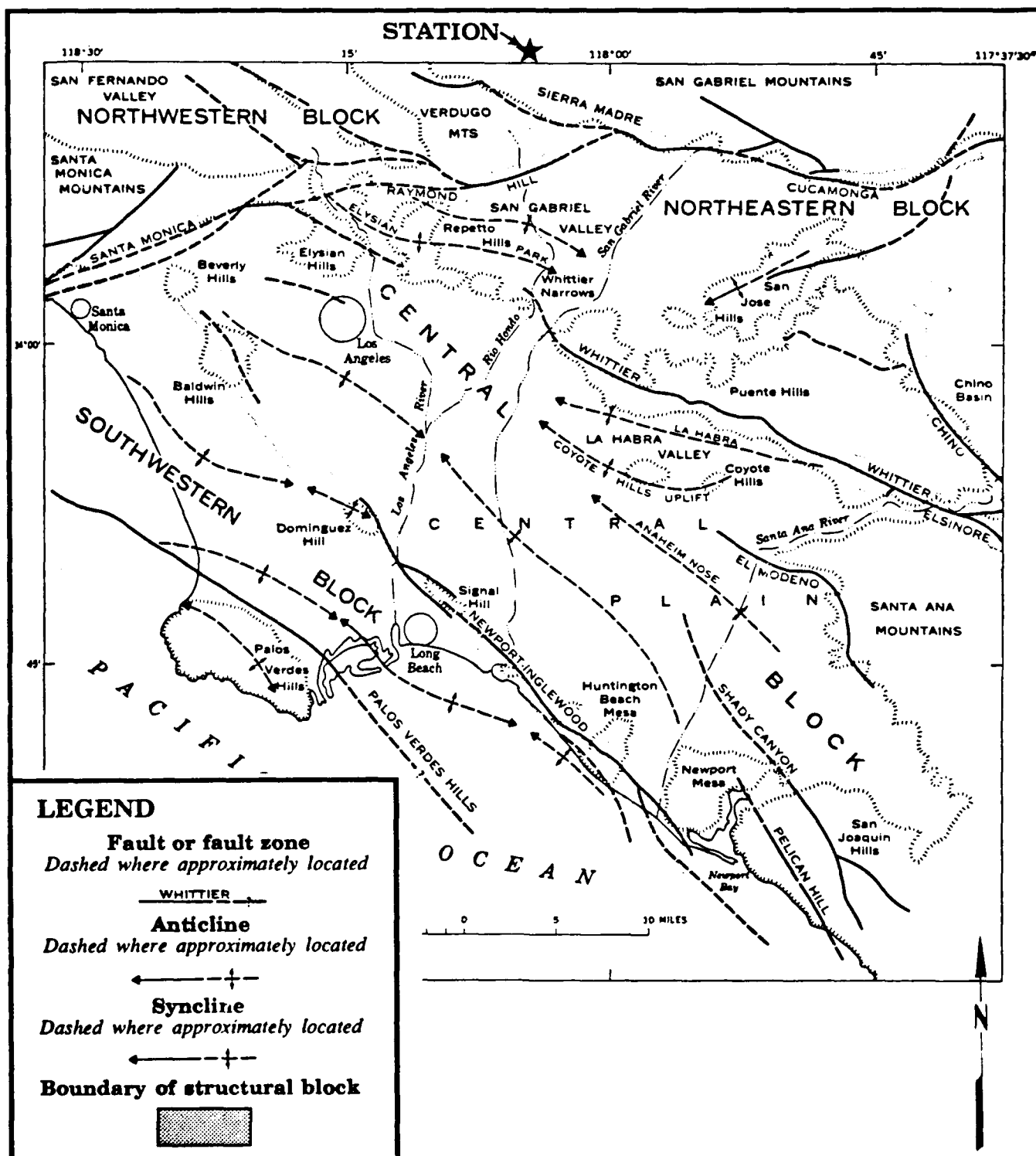
SOURCE: USGS, Summary Appraisals of Nation's Ground Water Resources-California Region, Professional Paper 813-E, 1976.

**Figure III.1**  
**Physiographic Map of California**



SOURCE: Yerkes, R. F. et al, Geology of the Los Angeles Basin, California - An Introduction, USGS Professional Paper 420A.

**Figure III.2A**  
**Regional**  
**Geomorphic/Structural Map**

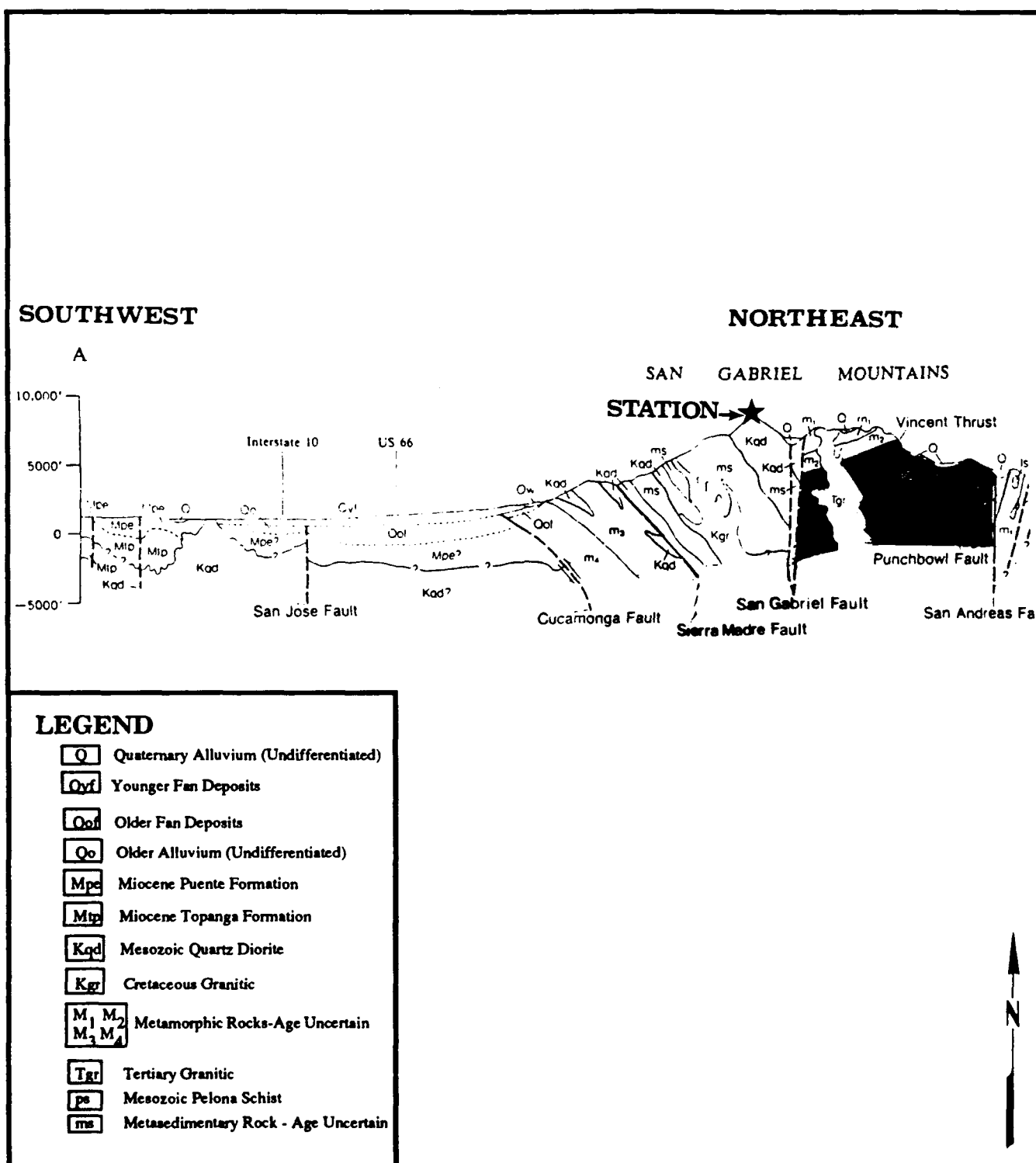


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**Figure III.2B**

**Local**

**Structural/Physiographic Map**



SOURCE: Bortugno, E. J. and T. E. Spittler, Geologic Map of the San Bernardino Quadrangle, Map No. 3A, 1986.

**Figure III.3**

**Diagrammatic Cross Section**

**San Gabriel Mountains-Chino/San Bernardino Basin**



Very little, if any, soil has been developed on the mountain tops within the San Gabriel Mountains, but considerable weathering of the granitic sequences produces a gravel-like profile (Figures III.4, III.5).

## **C. Hydrology**

### **1. Surface Water**

With the unique location of the Station on the mountain crest, the surface drainage spreads out in all directions (Figure III.6). Figure II.1 shows that Bear Canyon drainage is located approximately 2500 feet to the south/southwest of the Station, and the San Gabriel River drainage is located approximately one mile to the north/northeast. Regardless of the direction of the runoff, it is captured by man-made reservoirs and dams and/or is naturally filtered into the groundwater recharge zones of the San Gabriel Basin at the juncture of the mountains and the adjoining valleys. The Station has been classified as being outside the 100-year flood plain of any of the surrounding rivers.

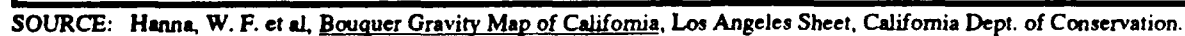
### **2. Groundwater**

Because the Station is located within the igneous and metamorphic rock complex of the San Gabriel Mountains, typical aquifers as defined herein are not present. Fractures in these rock sequences may act as conduits and/or receptors for precipitation and, as such, serve to entrap small quantities of water.

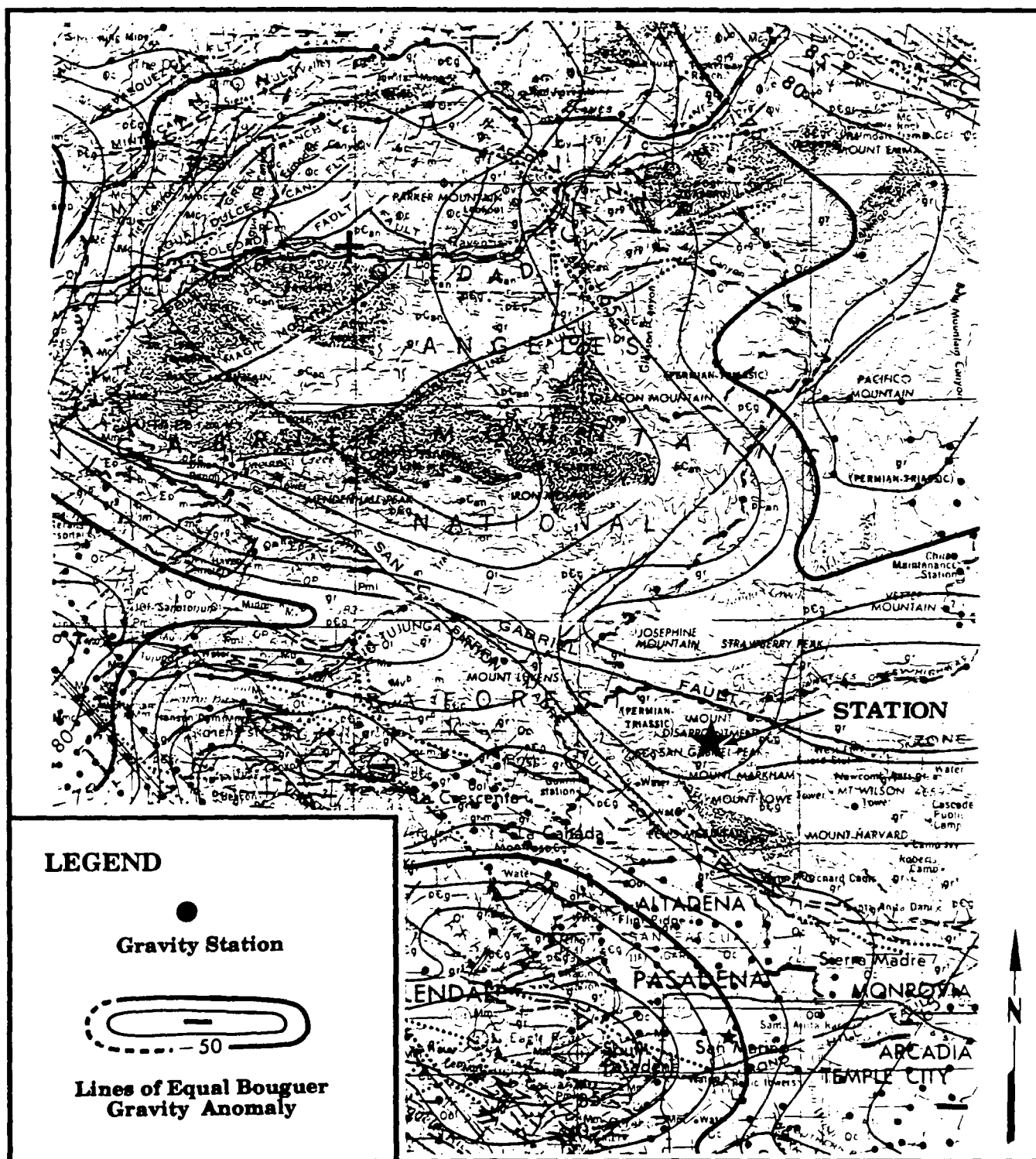
The potable water supply in the past was provided by a well located near the Red Box Ranger Station. Presently, the Station receives no water. The Station used a septic system for sanitary sewer service. No water wells are present within the Station's boundaries.

## **D. Critical Habitats/Endangered or Threatened Species**

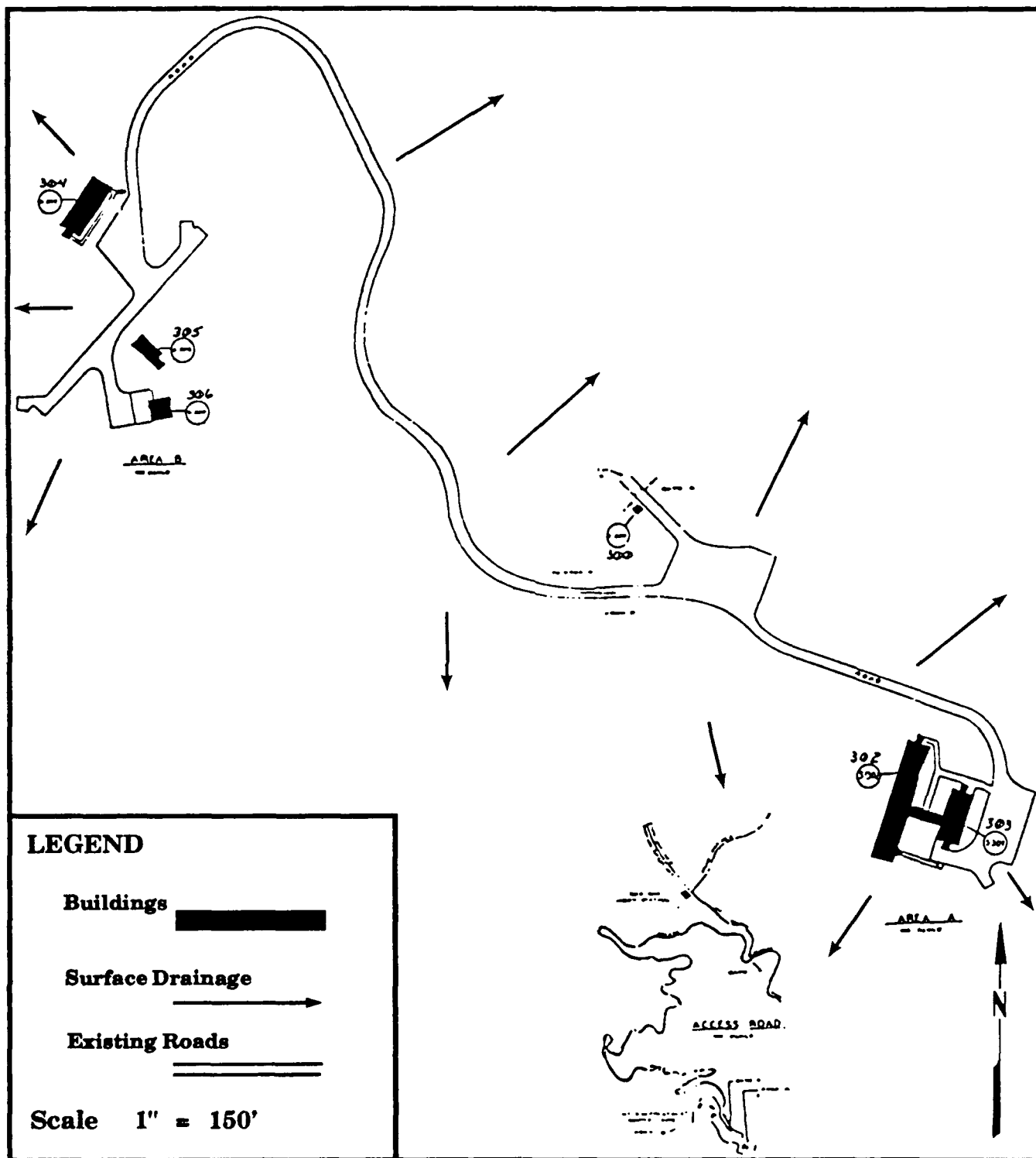
The Station location is within the Angeles National Forest of south central California. The Forest area has numerous camping and picnic areas including Camp Hi-Hill which is approximately 4000 feet to the north/northeast of the Station (Figure III.7). According to records maintained by the California Department of Fish and Game, Natural Diversity Data Base (NDDB), within a 1-mile radius of the Station, the following endangered or threatened species are recognized:



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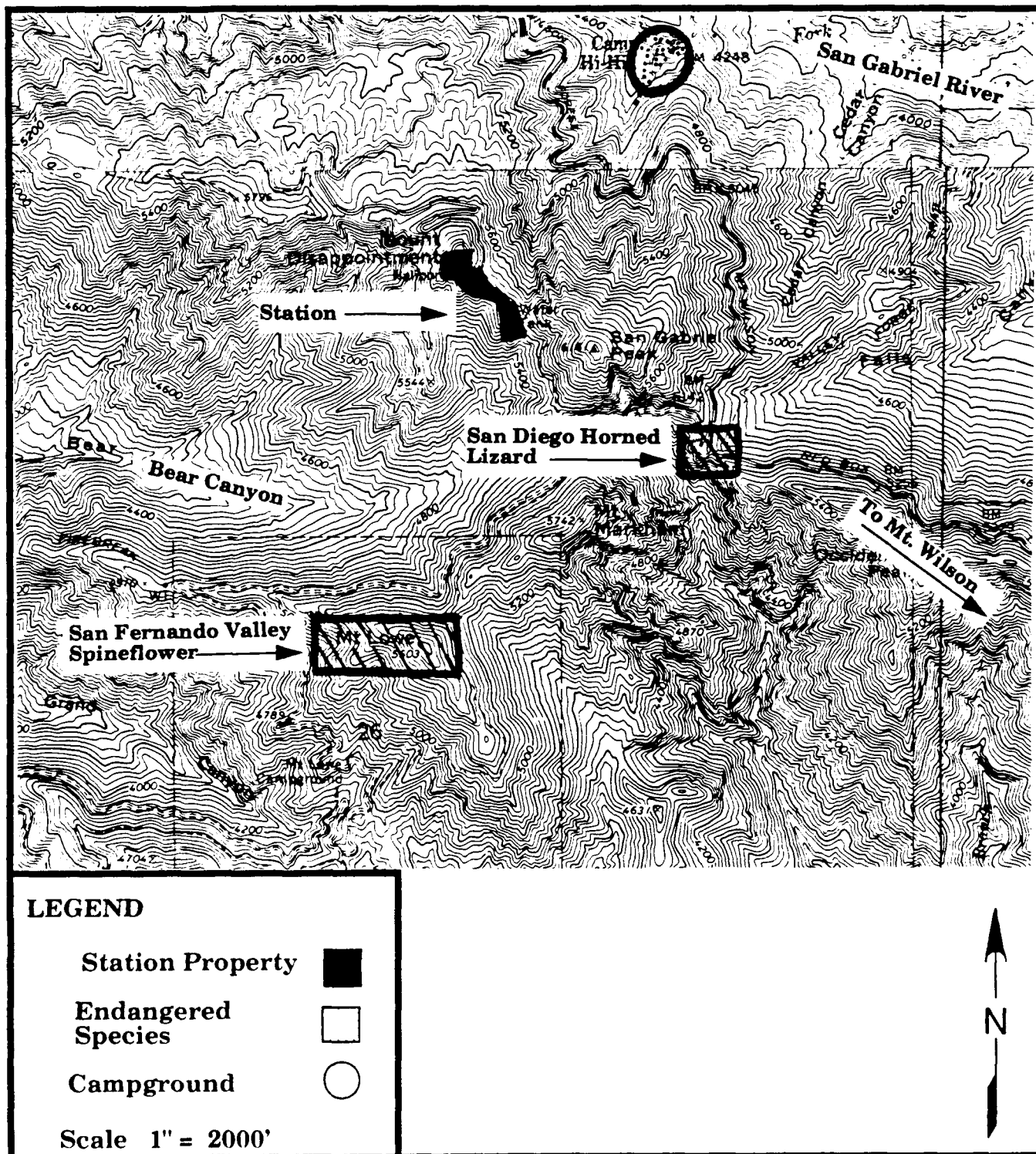


**Figure III.5**  
**Surficial Geologic Map of the Area**



SOURCE: Mt. Disappointment ANG'S Base Plans.

**Figure III.6**  
**Drainage Map**  
**of the Mt. Disappointment Air National Guard Station**



SOURCE: USGS, Chialo Flat Quad, 34118-C1-TF-024, 1959 (photoinspected 1972); Mt. Wilson Quad, 34118-B1-TF-024, 1966 (photo revised 1988).

Figure III.7

Critical Habitats/Endangered or Threatened Species Locations

## Fauna

*Phrynosoma coronatum blainville* (SACKH72) - Sand Diego Horned Lizard (Federal Status: 2; State Status: None). The center point of the element's occurrence is located approximately 4000 feet south/southeast of the Station at an elevation of 5100 feet (Figure III.7). The NDDB listing did not specify habitat conditions at this siting near Red Box Road which leads to Mt. Wilson.

## Flora

*Chorizanthe parryi var fernandina* (SPJTEC2) - San Fernando Valley Spineflower (Federal Status: 1; State Status: None). The center point of this element's occurrence is approximately 5000 feet south/southwest of the Station in the vicinity of the summit of Mt. Lowe (Figure III.7). At this site, which is across Bear Canyon on a separate ridge from the Station, the elevation is 5600 feet. Habitat conditions for this siting were not listed on the NDDB.

Note: The NDDB is a computerized inventory of information on the location and condition of California's rare and threatened animals, plants and natural communities. A seven-character code is assigned to each listing. The first two letters include Element Class:

SA = Special Animal  
SP = Special Plant  
NC = Natural Community

The remaining five characters give each specie or community a unique code for data management.

## **IV. SITE EVALUATION**

### **A. Activity Review**

A review of Station records and interviews with personnel were used to identify specific operations in which the majority of hazardous materials and/or hazardous wastes are used, stored, disposed of, and processed. During the Station's history at Mt. Disappointment there have been no activities that have generated significant quantities of hazardous wastes. There are essentially no maintenance operations occurring at the Station. Only radio/communications equipment maintenance takes place at Mt. Disappointment, and it is done only as needed.

Several abandoned underground tanks can be found at Mt. Disappointment. However, there is no indication that any of these tanks have been leaking. Building Nos. 300, 302, and 303 have been demolished. The heating oil tanks for these buildings are thought to still be in place. These tanks are to be scheduled for removal by the Air National Guard.

In addition, abandoned underground storage tanks exist at Building Nos. 304, 305, and 306. These tanks were used to store fuel oil. It is not known whether or not these tanks still contain fuel. The Air National Guard is making plans to remove these tanks.

Tenants at Mt. Disappointment include the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Internal Revenue Service, the Federal Communications Commission, and others. However, it must be noted that this area is leased to provide radio relay facilities only.

### **B. Disposal/Spill Site Information, Evaluation, and Hazard Assessment**

Six persons were interviewed to identify and locate potential sites that may have been contaminated by hazardous wastes as a result of past Station operations. One potentially contaminated site was identified through the interviews. This site identification was followed by a visual field examination of the site. This site was then rated by application of the United States Air Force (USAF) HARM, and since the potential for contaminant migration exists at this potential site, it is recommended for further investigation under the IRP program. Copies of completed HARM forms and an explanation of the factor rating criteria used for sites scoring are contained in Appendix C.

The potential exists for contaminant migration at the rated site. Contaminants that may have been released at these sites have the potential to be transported by groundwater and surface water.

Location of the identified site is provided on Figure IV.1. The following items are descriptions of the potential site identified at the Station:

**Site No. 1 - Heating Oil Tank at Building 304 (HAS - 53)**

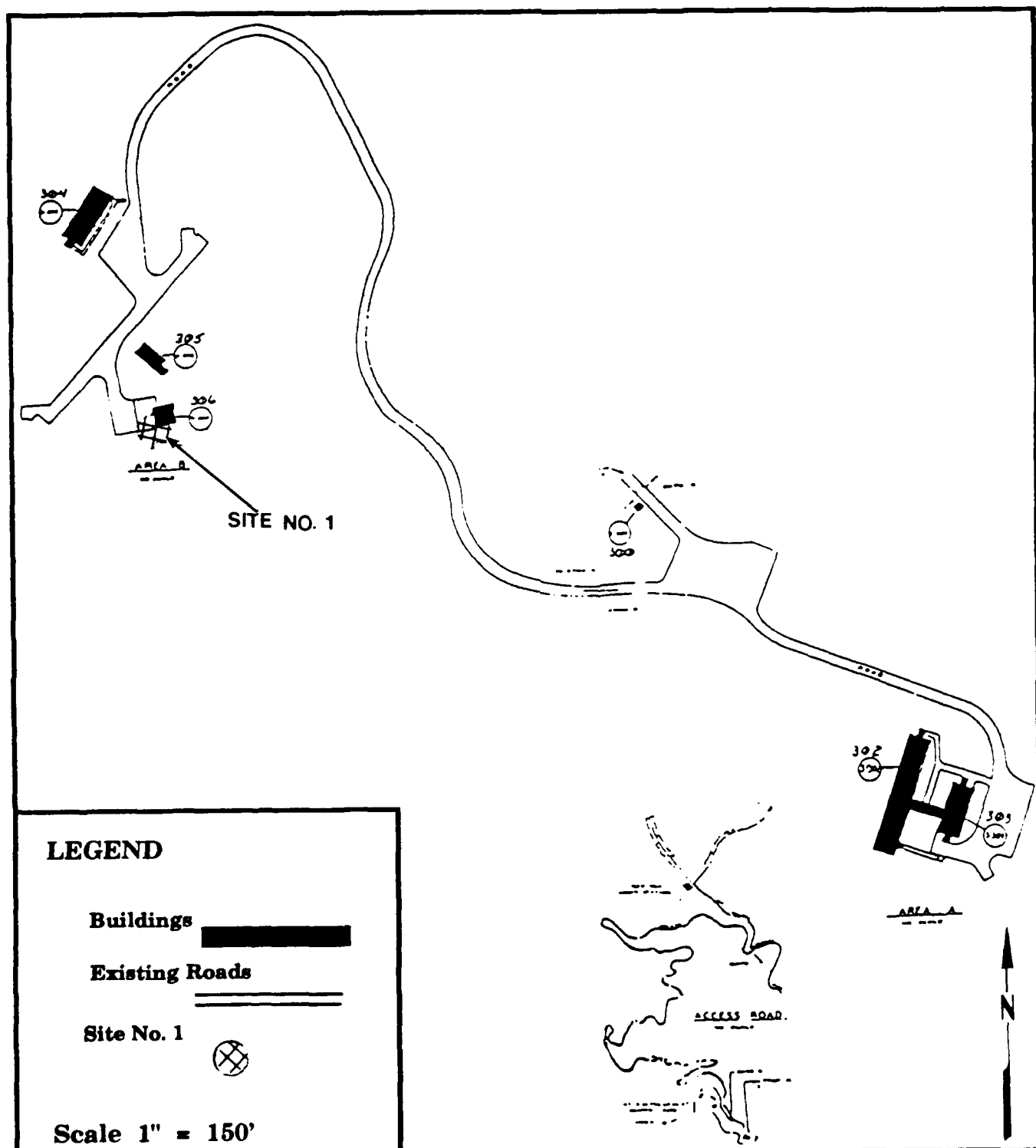
There is a 275-gallon aboveground heating oil tank on the south side of Building No. 304. Interviewees reported that this tank has leaked in the past, although no specific quantities or dates of leakage are known. The tank is surrounded by a 3-foot high block dike. The blocks are filled with concrete. This area is approximately four feet wide and six feet long. The soil directly underneath the tank is heavily stained by oil. Closer examination indicated that the leakage has occurred from the tank's fittings, valves, and associated piping and not from the tank itself.

Based on interviewee information and the size of the tank, a small quantity has been assigned to this potential site. A small quantity is less than 20 drums (1100 gallons) according to HARM. In addition, based on its toxicity, heating fuel would correspond to a high hazard rating according to HARM.

**C. Other Pertinent Facts**

- o Trash and non-hazardous solid wastes are disposed of by a contractor.
- o There is no Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) electrical equipment at the station.
- o The Station is not required to have a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.





SOURCE: Mt. Disappointment ANG Station Base Plans.

**Figure IV.1**  
**Potential Sites at**  
**the Mt. Disappointment Air National Guard Station**

## V. CONCLUSIONS

Information obtained through interviews with six present and past Station personnel, reviews of Station records, and field observations resulted in the identification of one potentially contaminated disposal and/or spill site on Station property. This potential site is as follows:

Site No. 1 - Heating Oil Tank at Building 304 (HAS - 53)

This site exhibits the potential for contaminant migration through surface water.

## **VI. RECOMMENDATIONS**

The PA identified one potentially contaminated site. As a result, additional investigation under the IRP is recommended for this site to confirm the presence or absence of contamination.

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## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

**ALLUVIAL** - Pertaining to or composed of alluvium or deposited by a stream or running water.

**ALLUVIAL FAN** - An outspread, gently sloping mass of alluvium deposited by a stream, especially in an arid or semiarid region where a stream issues from a narrow canyon onto a plain or valley floor.

**ANNUAL PRECIPITATION** - The total amount of rainfall and snowfall for the year.

**AQUIFER** - A water-bearing layer of rock that will yield water in a usable quantity to a well or spring.

**AQUITARD** - A confining bed that retards but does not prevent the flow of water to or from an adjacent aquifer.

**ARGILLACEOUS** - Like or containing clay.

**ARKOSE** - A feldspar rich sandstone, typically coarse-grained and pink or reddish, that is composed of angular to subangular grains that may be either poorly or moderately well-sorted, is usually derived from the rapid disintegration of granite or granitic rocks, and often closely resembles granite.

**BASIN** - (a) A depressed area with no surface outlet; (b) A drainage basin or river basin; (c) A low area in the Earth's crust, of tectonic origin, in which sediments have accumulated.

**BAY** - A wide, curving open indentation, recess, or inlet of a sea or lake into the land or between two capes or headlands, larger than a cove, and usually smaller than, but of the same general character as a gulf.

**BED [stratig]** - The smallest formal unit in the hierarchy of lithostratigraphic units. In a stratified sequence of rocks it is distinguishable from layers above and below. A bed commonly ranges in thickness from a centimeter to a few meters.

**BEDDING [stratig]** - The arrangement of sedimentary rock in beds or layers of varying thickness and character.

**BEDROCK** - A general term for the consolidated (solid) rock that underlies soil or other unconsolidated superficial material. See **HORIZON [soil]** - *R layer*.

**BERM** - A ledge or space between the ditch and parapet in a fortification.

**CLASTIC** - Rock or sediments composed principally of fragments derived from pre-existing rocks or minerals and transported some distance from their place or origin source.

**CLAY [soil]** - A rock or mineral particle in the soil having a diameter less than 0.002 mm (2 microns).

**CLAY [geol]** - A rock or mineral fragment or a detrital particle of any composition smaller than a fine silt grain, having a diameter less than 1/256 mm (4 microns).

**COARSE-TEXTURED (light textured) SOIL** - Sand or loamy sand.

**CONE OF DEPRESSION** - The depression of heads around a pumping well caused by the withdrawal of water.

**CONGLOMERATE** - A coarse-grained sedimentary rock, composed of rounded pebbles, cobbles, and boulders, set in a fine-grained matrix of sand or silt, and commonly cemented by calcium carbonate, iron oxide, silica, or hardened clay.

**CONSOLIDATION** - Any process whereby loosely aggregated, soft, or liquid earth materials become firm and coherent rock; specif. the solidification of a magma to form an igneous rock, or the lithification of loose sediments to form a sedimentary rock.

**CONTAMINANT** - As defined by Section 101(f)(33) of Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA) shall include, but not be limited to any element, substance, compound, or mixture, including disease-causing agents, which after release into the environment and upon exposure, ingestion, inhalation, or assimilation into any organism, either directly from the environment or indirectly by ingestion through food chains, will or may reasonably be anticipated to cause death, disease, behavioral abnormalities, cancer, genetic mutation, physiological malfunctions (including malfunctions in reproduction), or physical deformation in such organisms or their offspring; except that the term "contaminant" shall not include petroleum, including crude oil or any fraction thereof which is not otherwise specifically listed or designated as a hazardous substance under:

- (a) any substance designated pursuant to Section 311(b)(2)(A) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act,
- (b) any element, compound, mixture, solution, or substance designated pursuant to Section 102 of this Act,
- (c) any hazardous waste having the characteristics identified under or listed pursuant to Section 3001 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act (but not including any waste the regulation of which under

the Solid Waste Disposal Act has been suspended by Act of Congress),

- (d) any toxic pollutant listed under Section 307(i) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act,
- (e) any hazardous air pollutant listed under Section 112 of the Clean Air Act, and
- (f) any imminently hazardous chemical substance or mixture with respect to which the administrator has taken action pursuant to Section 7 of the Toxic Substance Control Act;

and shall not include natural gas, liquefied natural gas, or synthetic gas of pipeline quality (or mixtures of natural gas and such synthetic gas).

CONTEMPORANEOUS FAULT - See GROWTH FAULT.

CREEK - A term generally applied to any natural stream of water, normally larger than a brook but smaller than a river.

CRITICAL HABITAT - The specific areas within the geographical area occupied by the species on which are found those physical or biological features (I) essential to the conservation of the species and (II) which may require special management consideration or protection.

DEPOSITS - Earth material of any type, either consolidated or unconsolidated, that has accumulated by some natural process or agent.

DIABASE - An intrusive rock whose main components are labradorite and pyroxene and which is characterized by ophitic texture.

DIORITE - A group of igneous rocks composed of dark-colored amphibole (esp. hornblende) oligoclase, andesine, pyroxene, and small amounts of quartz; the intrusive equivalent of andesite.

DRAINAGE CLASS (natural) - Refers to the frequency and duration of periods of saturation or partial saturation during soil formation, as opposed to altered drainage, which is commonly the result of artificial drainage or irrigation but may be caused by the sudden deepening of channels or the blocking of drainage outlets. Seven classes of natural soil drainage are recognized:

*Excessively drained* - Water is removed from the soil very rapidly. Excessively drained soils are commonly very coarse textured, rocky, or shallow. Some are steep. All are free of the mottling related to wetness.

*Somewhat excessively drained* - Water is removed from the soil rapidly. Many somewhat excessively drained soils are sandy and rapidly pervious. Some are



shallow. Some are so steep that much of the water they receive is lost as runoff. All are free of the mottling related to wetness.

*Well-drained* - Water is removed from the soil readily, but not rapidly. It is available to plants throughout most of the growing season, and wetness does not inhibit growth of roots for significant periods during most growing seasons. Well-drained soils are commonly medium textured and mainly free of mottling.

*Moderately well drained* - Water is removed from the soil somewhat slowly during some periods. Moderately well drained soils are wet for only a short time during the growing season, but periodically for long enough that most mesophytic crops are affected. They commonly have a slowly pervious layer within or directly below the solum, or periodically receive high rainfall, or both.

*Somewhat poorly drained* - Water is removed slowly enough that the soil is wet for significant periods during the growing season. Wetness markedly restricts the growth of mesophytic crops unless artificial drainage is provided. Somewhat poorly drained soils commonly have a slowly pervious layer, a high water table, additional water from seepage, nearly continuous rainfall, or a combination of these.

*Poorly drained* - Water is removed so slowly that the soil is saturated periodically during the growing season or remains wet for long periods. Free water is commonly at or near the surface for long enough periods during the growing season that most mesophytic crops cannot be grown unless the soil is artificially drained. The soil is not continuously saturated in layers directly below plow depth. Poor drainage results from a high water table, a slowly pervious layer within the profile, seepage, nearly continuous rainfall, or a combination of these.

*Very poorly drained* - Water is removed from the soil so slowly that free water remains at or on the surface during most of the growing season. Unless the soil is artificially drained, most mesophytic crops cannot be grown. Very poorly drained soils are commonly level or depressed and are frequently ponded. Yet, where rainfall is high and nearly continuous, they can have moderate or high slope gradients, as for example in "hillpeats" and "climatic moors."

**DRAINAGEWAY** - A channel or course along which water drains or moves.

**DRAWDOWN** - The reduction in head at a point caused by the withdrawal of water from an aquifer.

**EMBAYMENT** - A downwarped region of stratified rocks that extends into a region of other rocks.

**ENDANGERED SPECIES** - Any species which is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range, other than a species of the

Class Insecta determined by the secretary to constitute a pest whose protection would present an overwhelming and overriding risk to man.

**EROSION** - The general process or the group of processes whereby the materials of the Earth's crust are loosened, dissolved, or worn away, and simultaneously moved from one place to another by natural agencies, but usually exclude mass wasting.

**EUGEOSYNCLINAL** - Like a geosyncline in which volcanism is associated with clastic sedimentation.

**EUSALINE** - Sodium chloride concentrations of 30 to 35 parts per thousand. Same as normal sea water.

**FAULT** - A fracture or fracture zone along which there has been displacement of the sides relative to one another parallel to the fracture.

**FELDSPAR** - Any of several crystalline minerals made up of Aluminum silicates with sodium, potassium, or calcium; most widespread of any mineral group and constitute 60% of the earth's crust; occur in all types of rock.

**FELDSPATHIC** - Like or as feldspar.

**FINE-GRAINED** - Said of a soil in which silt and/or clay predominate.

**FINE-TEXTURED (heavy textured) SOIL** - Sandy clay, silty clay, and clay.

**FLOOD PLAIN** - The surface or strip of relatively smooth land adjacent to a river channel, constructed by the present river in its existing regimen and covered with water when the river overflows its banks.

**FOLD [geol struc]** - A curve or bend of a planar structure such as rock strata, bedding planes, foliation or cleavage.

**FORMATION** - A lithologically distinctive, mappable body of rock.

**FRACTURE [struc geol]** - A general term for any break in a rock, whether or not it causes displacement, due to mechanical failure by stress. Fracture includes cracks, joints, and faults.

**GABBRO** - A group of dark-colored, basic intrusive igneous rocks composed principally of basic plagioclase and clinopyroxene, with or without olivine and orthopyroxene; approximate intrusive equivalent of basalt.

**GEOLOGIC TIME** - See Figure G1.1.

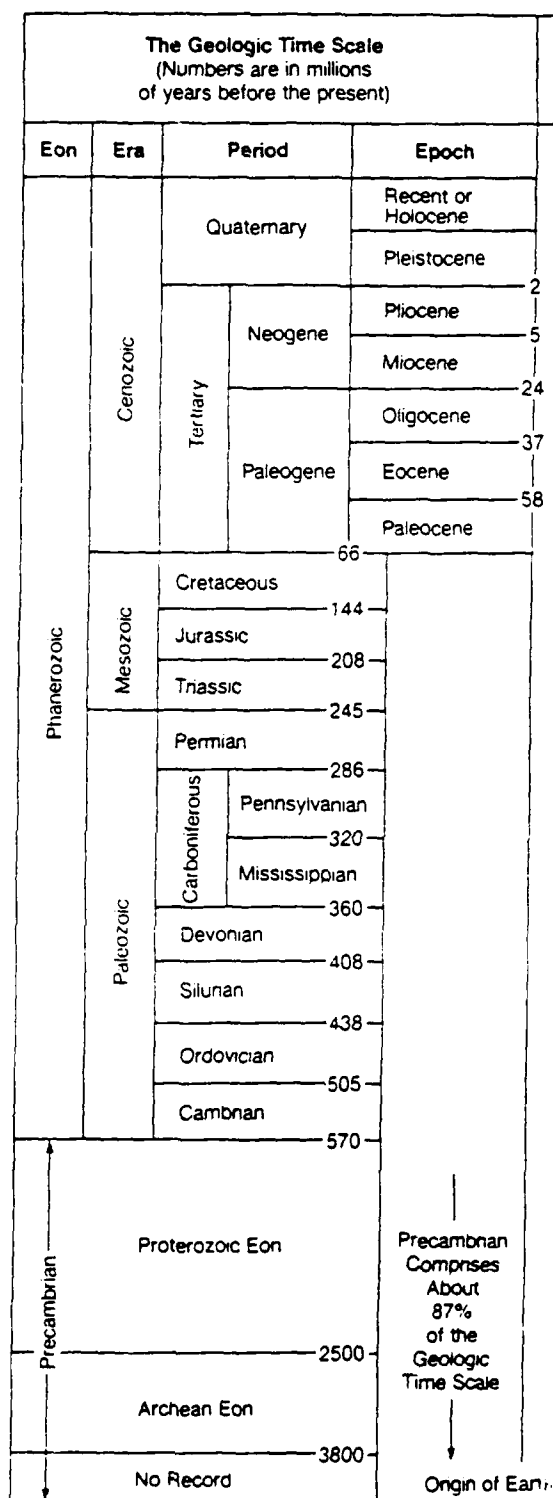


Figure G1.1

## The Geologic Time Scale

**GNEISS** - A coarse-grained, foliated rock produced by regional metamorphism; commonly feldspar- and quartz-rich.

**GRANITE** - Broadly applied, any crystalline, quartz-bearing plutonic rock; also commonly contains feldspar, mica, hornblende, or pyroxene.

**GRANODIORITE** - A group of coarse-grained plutonic rocks intermediate in composition between quartz diorite and quartz monzonite, containing quartz, plagioclase, and potassium feldspar with biotite, hornblende, or more rarely, pyroxene, as the mafic contents.

**GRAVEL** - An unconsolidated, natural accumulation of rounded rock fragments resulting from erosion, consisting predominantly of particles larger than sand, such as boulders, cobbles, pebbles, granules or any combination of these fragments.

**GRAYWACKE** - A non-porous, dark-colored sandstone containing angular grains and fragments of other rocks; a fine-grained conglomerate resembling sandstone.

**GROUNDWATER** - Water in the saturated zone that is under a pressure equal to or greater than atmospheric pressure.

**GROWTH FAULT** - A fault in sedimentary rock that forms contemporaneously and continuously with deposition, so that the displacement (throw) increases with depth and the strata of the downthrown side are thicker than the correlative strata of the upthrown side.

**HARM** - Hazard Assessment Rating Methodology - A system adopted and used by the United States Air Force to develop and maintain a priority listing of potentially contaminated sites on installations and facilities for remedial action based on potential hazard to public health, welfare, and environmental impacts. (Reference: DEQPPM 81-5, December 11, 1981.)

**HAS** - Hazard Assessment Score - The score developed by using the Hazard Assessment Rating Methodology (HARM).

**HAZARDOUS MATERIAL** - Any substance or mixture of substances having properties capable of producing adverse effects on the health and safety of the human being. Specific regulatory definitions also found in OSHA and DOT rules.

**HAZARDOUS WASTE** - A solid or liquid waste that, because of its quantity, concentration, or physical, chemical, or infectious characteristics may:

- a. cause, or significantly contribute to, an increase in mortality or an increase in serious or incapacitating reversible illness, or
- b. pose a substantial present or potential hazard to human health or the environment when improperly treated, stored, transported, disposed of, or otherwise managed.

HEAD - See TOTAL HEAD.

HERBICIDE - A weed killer.

HIGHLAND - A general term for a relatively large area of elevated or mountainous land standing prominently above adjacent low areas; and mountainous region.

HILL - A natural elevation of the land surface, rising rather prominently above the surrounding land, usually of limited extent and having a well-defined outline (rounded) and generally considered to be less than 1000 feet from base to summit.

HORIZON [soil] - A layer of soil, approximately parallel to the surface, having distinct characteristics produced by soil-forming processes. The major horizons of mineral soil are as follows:

*O horizon* - An organic layer, fresh and decaying plant residue, at the surface of a mineral soil.

*A horizon* - The mineral horizon, formed or forming at or near the surface, in which an accumulation of humified organic matter is mixed with the mineral material. Also, a plowed surface horizon most of which was originally part of a B horizon.

*A2 horizon* - A mineral horizon, mainly a residual concentration of sand and silt high in content of resistant minerals as a result of the loss of silicate clay, iron, aluminum, or a combination of these.

*B horizon* - The mineral horizon below an A horizon. The B horizon is in part a layer of change from the overlying distinctive characteristics caused (1) by accumulation of clay, sesquioxides, humus, or a combination of these; (2) by prismatic or blocky structure; (3) by redder or browner colors than those in the A horizon; or (4) by a combination of these. The combined A and B horizons are generally called the solum, or true soil. If a soil lacks a B horizon, the A horizon alone is the solum.

*C horizon* - The mineral horizon or layer, excluding indurated bedrock, that is little affected by soil-forming processes and does not have the properties

typical of the A or B horizon. The material of a C horizon may be either like or unlike that from which the solum is presumed to have formed. If the material is known to differ from that in the solum the Roman numeral II precedes the letter C.

*R layer* - Consolidated rock beneath the soil. The rock commonly underlies a C horizon, but can be directly below an A or a B horizon.

**HORST** - An elongate, relatively uplifted crustal unit or block that is bounded by faults on its long side.

**IGNEOUS ROCKS** - Rock or mineral that has solidified from molten or partially molten material, i.e. from magma.

**INTERBEDDED** - Beds lying between or alternating with others of different character; especially rock material laid down in sequence between other beds.

**LOAM** - A rich, permeable soil composed of a friable mixture of relatively equal proportions of sand, silt, and clay particles, and usually containing organic matter.

**LOWLAND** - A general term for low-lying land or an extensive region of low land, esp. near the coast and including the extended plains or country lying not far above tide level.

**MEANDERBELT** - The zone along a valley floor across which a meandering stream shifts its channel from time to time.

**MEAN LAKE EVAPORATION** - The total evaporation amount for a particular area; amount based on precipitation and climate (humidity).

**MEAN SEA LEVEL** - The average height of the surface of the sea for all stages of the tide over a 19-year period.

**MESA** - A table-land; a flat-topped mountain or plateau bounded on at least one side by a steep cliff.

**METAMORPHIC ROCK** - Any rock derived from pre-existing rocks by mineralogical, chemical, and/or structural changes, essentially in solid state, in response to marked changes in temperature, pressure, shearing stress, and chemical environment, generally at depth in the Earth's crust.

**MIGRATION (Contaminant)** - The movement of contaminants through pathways (groundwater, surface water, soil, and air).

**MINERAL** - A naturally occurring inorganic element or compound having an orderly internal structure and characteristic chemical composition, crystal form and physical properties.

**MONTMORILLONITE** - A clay mineral of the smectite group comprising expanding-lattice clay minerals when wetted.

**MONZONITE** - Plutonic rock intermediate in composition between syenite and diorite, containing approximately equal amounts of alkali feldspar and plagioclase.

**MOTTLED [soil]** - a soil that is irregularly marked with spots or patches of different colors, usually indicating poor aeration or seasonal wetness.

**NET PRECIPITATION** - Precipitation minus evaporation.

**ORTHOCLASE** - See FELDSPAR.

**OUTCROP** - That part of a geologic formation or structure that appears at the surface of the Earth; also, bedrock that is covered only by surficial deposits such as alluvium.

**OVERTURNED** - Said of a fold or the limb of a fold, that has tilted beyond the perpendicular. Sequence of strata thus appears reversed.

**PD-680** - A cleaning solvent composed predominately of mineral spirits; Stoddard solvent.

**PEAT** - An unconsolidated deposit of semicarbonized plant remains in a water-saturated environment and of persistently high moisture content (at least 75%).

**PERMEABILITY** - The capacity of a porous rock, sediment, or soil for transmitting a fluid without impairment of the structure of the medium; it is a measure of the relative ease of fluid flow under unequal pressure - see SOIL PERMEABILITY.

**POND** - A natural body of standing fresh water occupying a small surface depression, usually smaller than a lake and larger than a pool.

**POROSITY** - The voids or openings in a rock. Porosity may be expressed quantitatively as the ratio of the volume of openings in a rock to the total volume of the rock.

**POTENTIOMETRIC SURFACE** - A surface that represents the total head in an aquifer; that is, it represents the height above a datum plane at which the water level stands in tightly cased wells that penetrate the aquifer.

**QUARTZ** - A crystalline silica, an important rock forming mineral:  $\text{SiO}_2$ . Occurs either in transparent hexagonal crystals (colorless or colored by impurities) or in crystalline or crystalline masses. Forms the major proportion of most sands and has a widespread distribution in igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary rocks.

**QUARTZITE [meta]** - A granoblastic metamorphic rock consisting mainly of quartz and formed by recrystallization of sandstone or chert by either regional or thermal metamorphism.

**RIVER** - A general term for a natural freshwater surface stream of considerable volume and a permanent or seasonal flow, moving in a definite channel toward a sea, lake, or another river.

**SALINE [adj]** - Salty; containing dissolved sodium chloride.

**SAND** - A rock or mineral particle in the soil, having a diameter in the range 0.52 - 2 mm.

**SANDSTONE** - A medium-grained fragmented sedimentary rock composed of abundant round or angular fragments of sand, size set in a fine-grained matrix (silt or clay) and more or less firmly united by a cementing material (commonly silica, iron oxide, or calcium carbonate).

**SANDY LOAM** - A soil containing 43 - 85% sand, 0 - 50% silt, and 0 - 20% clay, or containing at least 52% sand and no more than 20% clay and having the percentage of silt plus twice the percentage of clay exceeding 30% or containing 43 - 52% sand, less than 50% silt, and less than 7% clay.

**SATURATED ZONE** - The subsurface zone in which all openings are full of water.

**SCHIST** - A medium- or coarse-grained, strongly foliated, crystalline rock; formed by dynamic metamorphism.

**SEDIMENT** - Solid fragmental material that originates from weathering of rocks and is transported or deposited by air, water, or ice, or that accumulates by other natural agents, such as chemical precipitation from solution or secretion by organisms, and that forms in layers on the Earth's surface at ordinary temperatures in a loose, unconsolidated form; (b) strictly solid material that has settled down from a state of suspension in a liquid.



**SEDIMENTARY ROCK** - A rock resulting in the consolidation of loose sediment that has accumulated in layers; e.g., a clastic rock (such as conglomerate or tillite) consisting of mechanically formed fragments of older rock transported from its source and deposited in water or from air or ice; or a chemical rock (such as rock salt or gypsum) formed by precipitation from solution; or an organic rock (such as certain limestones) consisting of the remains or secretions of plants and animals.

**SHALE** - A fine-grained detrital sedimentary rock, formed by the consolidation (especially by compression) of clay, silt, or mud.

**SIALIC** - Like the light, granitic rock material near the surface of the earth's crust, underlying the continents.

**SILT [soil]** - (a) A rock or mineral particle in the soil, having a diameter in the range 0.002-0.005 mm; (b) A soil containing more than 80% silt-size particles, less than 12% clay, and less than 20% sand.

**SILT LOAM** - A soil containing 50 - 88% silt, 0 - 27% clay and 0 - 50% sand.

**SOIL** - The layer of material at the land surface that supports plant growth.

**SOIL PERMEABILITY** - The characteristic of the soil that enables water to move downward through the profile. Permeability is measured as the distance per unit time that water moves downward through the saturated soil.

Terms describing permeability are:

Very Slow	-	less than 0.06 inches per hour (less than $4.24 \times 10^{-5}$ cm/sec)
Slow	-	0.06 to 0.20 inches per hour ( $4.24 \times 10^{-5}$ to $1.41 \times 10^{-4}$ cm/sec)
Moderately Slow	-	0.20 to 0.63 inches per hour ( $1.41 \times 10^{-4}$ to $4.45 \times 10^{-4}$ cm/sec)
Moderate	-	0.63 to 2.00 inches per hour ( $4.45 \times 10^{-4}$ to $1.41 \times 10^{-3}$ cm/sec)
Moderately Rapid	-	2.00 to 6.00 inches per hour ( $1.41 \times 10^{-3}$ to $4.24 \times 10^{-3}$ cm/sec)
Rapid	-	6.00 to 20.00 inches per hour ( $4.24 \times 10^{-3}$ to $1.41 \times 10^{-2}$ cm/sec)

Very Rapid - more than 20.00 inches per hour (more than  $1.41 \times 10^{-2}$  cm/sec)

(Reference: United States Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service)

**SOIL REACTION** - The degree of acidity or alkalinity of a soil, expressed in pH values. A soil that tests at pH 7.0 is described as precisely neutral in reaction because it is neither acid nor alkaline. The degree of acidity or alkalinity is expressed as:

pH

Extremely acid	Below 4.5
Very strongly acid	4.5 to 5.0
Strongly acid	5.1 to 5.5
Medium acid	5.6 to 6.0
Slightly acid	6.1 to 6.5
Neutral	6.6 to 7.3
Mildly alkaline	7.4 to 7.8
Moderately alkaline	7.9 to 8.4
Strongly alkaline	8.5 to 9.0
Very strongly alkaline	9.1 and higher

**SOIL STRUCTURE** - See STRUCTURE [soil].

**SOLUM** - The upper part of a soil profile, above the C horizon, in which the processes of soil formation are active. The solum in mature soil consists of the A and B horizons. Generally, the characteristics of the material in these horizons are unlike those of the underlying material. The living roots and other plant and animal life characteristics of the soil are largely confined to the solum. See HORIZON [soil].

**SOLVENT** - A substance, generally a liquid, capable of dissolving other substances.

**STRAND PLAIN** - A prograded shore built seaward by waves and currents, and continuous for some distance along the coast.

**STRATIFIED** - Formed, arranged, or laid down in layers or strata; especially said of any layered sedimentary rock or deposit.

**STRIKE - SLIP FAULT** - A fault on which the movement is parallel to the fault's strike. See TRANSCURRENT FAULT.

**STRUCTURE [soil]** - The arrangement of primary soil particles into compound particles or aggregates that are separated from adjoining aggregates. The principal forms of soil structure are - platy (laminated), prismatic (vertical axis of aggregates longer than horizontal), columnar (prisms with rounded tops), blocky (angular or subangular), and granular. Structureless soils are either single grained (each grain by itself, as in dune sand) or massive (the particles adhering without any regular cleavage, as in many hardpans).

**SUBSIDENCE** - Sinking or downward settling of the earth's surface, not restricted in rate, magnitude, or area involved.

**SUBSOIL** - Technically, the B horizon; roughly, the part of the solum below plow depth.

**SUBSOILING** - Tilling a soil below normal plow depth, ordinarily to shatter a hardpan or claypan.

**SUBSTRATUM** - The part of the soil below the solum.

**SURFACE WATER** - All water exposed at the ground surface, including streams, rivers, ponds, and lakes.

**SYENITE** - Plutonic rock containing orthoclase and microcline with small amounts of plagioclase feldspar.

**SYNCLINORIUM** - A composite synclinal structure of regional extent composed of lesser folds.

**TERRACE [geomorph]** - Any long, narrow, relatively level or gently inclined surface, generally less broad than a plain, bounded along one edge by a steeper descending slope and along the other by a steeper ascending slope.

**TERRACE [soil]** - A horizontal or gently sloping ridge or embankment of earth built along the contours of a hillside for the purpose of conserving moisture, reducing erosion, or controlling runoff.

**TERRIGENOUS DEPOSITS** - Shallow marine sediment consisting of material eroded from the land surface.

**THREATENED SPECIES** - Any species which is likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future throughout all or significant portion of its range.

**TIME [geol]** - See Figure G1.1.

**TOPOGRAPHY** - The general conformation of a land surface, including its relief and the position of its natural and man-made features.

**TOTAL HEAD** - The height above a datum plane of a column of water. In a groundwater system, it is composed of elevation head, pressure head, and velocity head.

**TRANSCURRENT FAULT** - A large scale strike - slip fault in which the fault surface is steeply inclined.

**UNCONSOLIDATED** - (a) Sediment that is loosely arranged or unstratified, or whose particles are not cemented together, occurring either at the surface or at depth. (b) Soil material that is in a loosely aggregated form.

**UNDULATING [geomorph]** - (a) A landform having a wavy outline or form. (b) A rippling or scalloped land surface, having a wavy outline or appearance.

**VALLEY** - Any low-lying land bordered by higher ground, especially an elongate, relatively large, gently sloping depression of the earth's surface, commonly situated between two mountains or between ranges of hills and mountains, and often containing a stream or river with an outlet. It is usually developed by stream or river erosion, but can be formed by faulting.

**WATER TABLE** - The level in the saturated zone at which the pressure is equal to the atmospheric pressure.

**WETLANDS** - Those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions. Wetlands generally include swamps, marshes, bogs, and similar areas.

**WILDERNESS AREA** - An area unaffected by anthropogenic activities and deemed worthy of special attention to maintain its natural condition.

# **Appendix A**

## **Outside Agency Contact List**

## OUTSIDE AGENCY CONTACT LIST

- 1) Department of Water Resources  
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City of Los Angeles  
Upper Los Angeles River Area Watermaster  
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Los Angeles, CA 90051  
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(213) 481-6177  
Cecilia K. Trehuba, P.E.  
(213) 481-6194
- 3) State of California  
Department of Fish and Game  
P.O. Box 944290  
Sacramento, CA 94244-2090  
(916) 324-3812
- 4) State of California  
Resources Agency  
Department of Conservation  
California Division of Mines and Geology  
P.O. Box 2980  
Sacramento, CA 95812  
Karen Fleming  
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- 5) State of California  
Water Resources Division  
849 South Broadway  
Los Angeles, CA 90014  
(213) 620-4107
- 6) Timely Discount Topos Inc.  
9769 West 119th Drive, Suite 9  
Broomfield, Colorado 80020  
(303) 469-5022

## OUTSIDE AGENCY CONTACT LIST (continued)

- 7) United States Department of Commerce  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
Environmental Data and Information Service  
National Climatic Center  
Asheville, NC 28801  
(704) 259-0871
- 8) United States Geological Survey  
Books and Open File Reports Section  
P.O. Box 25425 DFC, Building 810  
Denver, CO 80225
- 9) United States Geological Survey  
300 North Los Angeles Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
Dianne Noserale  
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## **Appendix B**

# **USAF Hazard Assessment Rating Methodology**



## **USAF HAZARD ASSESSMENT RATING METHODOLOGY**

The DoD has developed a comprehensive program to identify, evaluate, and control hazardous waste disposal practices associated with past waste disposal techniques at DoD facilities. One of the actions required under this program is to:

Develop and maintain a priority listing of contaminated installations and facilities for remedial action based on potential hazard to public health, welfare, and environmental impacts (Reference: DEQPPM 81-5, December 11, 1981).

Accordingly, the USAF has sought to establish a system to set priorities for taking further action at sites based upon information gathered during the PA phase of the IRP.

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the site rating model is to assign a ranking to each site where there is suspected contamination from hazardous substances. This model will assist the Air National Guard in setting priorities for follow-up site investigations.

This rating system is used only after it has been determined that (1) potential for contamination exists (hazardous waste present in sufficient quantity), and (2) potential for migration exists. A site may be deleted from ranking consideration on either basis.

### **DESCRIPTION OF THE MODEL**

Like the other hazardous waste site ranking models, the USAF's site rating model uses a scoring system to rank sites for priority attention. However, in developing this model, the designers incorporated some special features to meet specific DoD needs.

The model uses data readily obtained during the Preliminary Assessment portion of the IRP. Scoring judgment and computations are easily made. In assessing the hazards at a given site, the model develops a score based on the most likely routes of contamination and worst hazards at the site. Sites are given low scores only if there are clearly no hazards. This approach meshes well with the policy for evaluating and setting restrictions on excess DoD properties.

Site scores are developed using the appropriate ranking factors presented in this appendix. The site rating form and the rating factor guidelines are provided at the end of this appendix.

As with the previous model, this model considers four aspects of the hazard posed by a specific site: (1) possible receptors of the contamination, (2) the waste and its characteristics, (3) the potential pathways for contaminant migration, and (4) any effort that was made to contain the waste resulting from a spill.

The receptors category rating is based on four rating factors: (1) the potential for human exposure to the site, (2) the potential for human ingestion of contaminants should underlying aquifers be polluted, (3) the current and anticipated use of the surrounding area, and (4) the potential for adverse effects upon important biological resources and fragile natural settings. The potential for human exposure is evaluated on the basis of the total population within 1000 feet of the site, and the distance between the site and the base boundary. The potential for human ingestion of contaminants is based on the distance between the site and the nearest well, the groundwater use of the uppermost aquifer, and population served by the groundwater supply within 3 miles of the site. The uses of the surrounding area are determined by the zoning within a 1-mile radius. Determination of whether or not critical environments exist within a 1-mile radius of the site predicts the potential for adverse effects from the site upon important biological resources and fragile natural settings. Each rating factor is numerically evaluated (0-3) and increased by a multiplier. The maximum possible score is also computed. The factor score and maximum possible scores are totaled, and the receptors subscore computed as follows:  $\text{receptors subscore} = (100 \times \text{factor subtotal} / \text{maximum score subtotal})$ .

The waste characteristics category is scored in three steps. First, a point rating is assigned based on an assessment of the waste quantity and the hazard (worst case) associated with the site. The level of confidence in the information is also factored into the assessment. Next, the score is multiplied by a waste persistence factor, which acts to reduce the score if the waste is not very persistent. Finally, the score is further modified by the physical state of the waste. Liquid wastes receive the maximum score while scores for solids are reduced.

The pathways category rating is based on evidence of contaminant migration along one of three pathways: surface water migration, flooding, and groundwater migration. If evidence of contaminant migration exists, the category is given a subscore of 80 to 100 points. For indirect evidence, 80 points are assigned, and for direct evidence, 100 points are assigned. If no evidence is found, the highest score among the three possible routes is used. The three pathways are evaluated and the highest score among all four of the potential scores is used.

The scores for each of the three categories are added together and normalized to a maximum possible score of 100. Then the waste management practice category is scored. Scores for sites with no containment are not reduced. Scores for sites with limited containment can be reduced by 5 percent. If a site is contained and well-managed, its score can be reduced by 90 percent. The final site score is calculated by applying the waste management practices category factor to the sum of the score for the other three categories.

## HAZARD ASSESSMENT RATING FORM

NAME OF SITE \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF OPERATION OR OCCURRENCE \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER/OPERATOR \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS/DESCRIPTION \_\_\_\_\_

SITE RATED BY \_\_\_\_\_

### I. RECEPTORS

Rating Factor	Factor Rating (0-3)	Multiplier	Factor Score	Maximum Possible Score
A. Population within 1000 ft. of site		4		12
B. Distance to nearest well		10		30
C. Land use-zoning within 1-mile radius		3		9
D. Distance to installation boundary		6		18
E. Critical environments within 1-mile radius of site		10		30
F. Water quality of nearest surface water body		6		18
G. Groundwater use of uppermost aquifer		9		27
H. Population served by surface water supply within 3 miles downstream of site		6		18
I. Population served by groundwater supply within 3 miles of site		6		18

Subtotals \_\_\_\_\_ 180

Receptors subscore (100 x factor score subtotal/maximum score subtotal)

### II. WASTE CHARACTERISTICS

A. Select the factor score based on the estimated quantity, the degree of hazard, and the confidence level of the information.

1. Waste quantity (S = small, M = medium, L = large) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Confidence level (C = confirmed, S = suspected) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Hazard rating (H = high, M = medium, L = low) \_\_\_\_\_

Factor Subscore A (from 20 to 100 based on factor score matrix)

B. Apply persistence factor

Factor subscore A x Persistence Factor = Subscore B

\_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

C. Apply physical state multiplier

Subscore B x Physical State Multiplier = Waste Characteristics Subscore

\_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

### III. PATHWAYS

Rating Factor	Factor Rating (0-3)	Multiplier	Factor Score	Maximum Possible Score
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- A. If there is evidence of migration of hazardous contaminants, assign maximum factor subscore of 100 points for direct evidence or 80 points for indirect evidence. If direct evidence exists, then proceed to C. If no evidence or indirect evidence exists, proceed to B.

Subscore

- B. Rate the migration potential for 3 potential pathways: Surface water migration, flooding, and groundwater migration. Select the highest rating, and proceed to C.

#### 1. Surface water migration

Distance to nearest surface water		8		24
Net precipitation		6		18
Surface erosion		8		24
Surface permeability		6		18
Rainfall intensity		8		24

Subtotals \_\_\_\_\_ 108

Subscore (100 x factor score subtotal/maximum score subtotal)

#### 2. Flooding

		1		3
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Subscore (100 x factor score/3)

#### 3. Groundwater migration

Depth to groundwater		8		24
Net precipitation		6		18
Soil permeability		8		24
Subsurface flows		8		24
Direct access to groundwater		8		24

Subtotals \_\_\_\_\_ 114

Subscore (100 x factor score subtotal/maximum score subtotal)

#### C. Highest pathway score

Enter the highest subscore value from A, B-1, B-2, or B-3 above

Pathways subscore

### IV. WASTE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

- A. Average the three subscores for receptors, waste characteristics, and pathways.

Receptors  
Waste Characteristics  
Pathways

Total \_\_\_\_\_ divided by 3 = \_\_\_\_\_

Gross Total Score

- B. Apply factor for waste containment from waste management practices.

Gross Total Score x Waste Management Practices Factor = Final Score

\_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ =

# HAZARD ASSESSMENT RATING METHODOLOGY GUIDELINES

## 1. RECEPTORS CATEGORY

	Rating Scale Levels				Multiplier
	0	1	2	3	
A. Population within 1,000 feet (includes on-base facilities)	0	1-25	26-100	Greater than 100	4
B. Distance to nearest water well	Greater than 3 miles	1 to 3 miles	3,001 feet to 1 mile	0 to 3,000 feet	10
C. Land use/zoning (within 1-mile radius)	Completely remote (zoning not applicable)	Agricultural	Commercial or Industrial	Residential	3
D. Distance to installation boundary	Greater than 2 miles	1 to 2 miles	1,001 feet to 1 mile	0 to 1,000 feet	6
E. Critical environments (within 1-mile radius)	Not a critical environment	Natural areas	Pristine natural areas; minor wetlands; preserved areas; presence of economically important natural resources susceptible to contamination	Major habitat of an endangered or threatened species; presence of recharge area; major wetlands	10
F. Water quality/use designation of nearest surface water body	Agricultural or industrial use	Recreation, propagation and management of fish and wildlife	Shellfish propagation and harvesting	Potable water supplies	6
G. Groundwater use of uppermost aquifer	Not used, other sources readily available	Commercial industrial, or irrigation, very limited other water sources	Drinking water, municipal water available	Drinking water, no municipal water available, commercial, industrial, or irrigation; no other water source available	9
H. Population served by surface water supplies within 3 miles downstream of site	0	1-50	51-1,000	Greater than 1,000	6
I. Population served by aquifer supplies within 3 miles of site	0	1-50	51-1,000	Greater than 1,000	6

## 11. WASTE CHARACTERISTICS

### A-1 Hazardous Waste Quantity

- S = Small quantity (5 tons or 20 drums of liquid)  
 M = Moderate quantity (5 to 20 tons or 21 to 85 drums of liquid)  
 L = Large quantity (20 tons or 85 drums of liquid)

### A-2 Confidence Level of Information

C = Confirmed confidence level (minimum criteria below)

- o Verbal reports from interviewer (at least 2) or written information from the records
  - o Knowledge of types and quantities of wastes generated by shops and other areas on base
- S = Suspected confidence level
- o No verbal reports or conflicting verbal reports and no written information from the records
  - o Logic based on a knowledge of the types and quantities of hazardous wastes generated at the base, and a history of past waste disposal practices indicate that these wastes were disposed of at a site

### A-3 Hazard Rating

Rating Factors	Rating Scale Levels		
	0	1	2
Toxicity	Sax's Level 0	Sax's Level 1	Sax's Level 2
Ignitability	Flash point greater than 200°F	Flash point at 140°F to 200°F	Flash point at 80°F to 140°F
Radioactivity	At or below background levels	1 to 3 times background levels	3 to 5 times background levels
			Sax's Level 3
			Flash point less than 80°F
			Over 5 times background levels

Use the highest individual rating based on toxicity, ignitability, and radioactivity and determine the hazard rating.

### Hazard Rating      Points

High (H)	3
Medium (M)	2
Low (L)	1

# 11. WASTE CHARACTERISTICS--Continued

## Waste Characteristics Matrix

Point Rating	Hazardous Waste Quantity	Confidence Level of Information	Hazard Rating
100	L	C	H
	L	C	H
80	M	C	H
70	L	S	H
	S	C	H
60	M	C	H
	L	S	H
	L	C	L
50	M	S	H
	S	C	H
	S	S	H
40	M	C	L
	L	S	L
	S	C	L
30	M	S	L
	S	S	M
20	S	S	L

### Notes:

For a site with more than one hazardous waste, the waste quantities may be added using the following rules:

#### Confidence Level

- o Confirmed confidence levels (C) can be added.
- o Suspected confidence levels (S) can be added.
- o Confirmed confidence levels cannot be added with suspected confidence levels.

#### Waste Hazard Rating

- o Wastes with the same hazard rating can be added.
- o Wastes with different hazard ratings can only be added in a downgrade mode, e.g., MCH + SCH = LCH if the total quantity is greater than 20 tons.

Example: Several wastes may be present at a site, each having an MCH designation (60 points). By adding the quantities of each waste, the designation may change to LCH (80 points). In this case, the correct point rating for the waste is 80.

## 8. Persistence Multiplier for Point Rating

### Multiplied Point Rating Persistence Criteria

Metals, polycyclic compounds, and halogenated hydrocarbons substituted and other ring compounds  
Straight chain hydrocarbons  
Easily biodegradable compounds

From Part A by the following

1.0  
0.9  
0.8  
0.4

## C. Physical State Multiplier

### Physical state

Liquid  
Sludge  
Solid

Multiply Point Total from Parts A and B by the following

1.0  
0.75  
0.50



### III. PATHWAYS CATEGORY

#### A. Evidence of Contamination

Direct evidence is obtained from laboratory analyses of hazardous contaminants present above natural background levels in surface water, groundwater, or air. Evidence should confirm that the source of contamination is the site being evaluated.

Indirect evidence might be from visual observation (i.e., leachate), vegetation stress, sludge deposits, presence of taste and odors in drinking water, or reported discharges that cannot be directly confirmed as resulting from the site, but the site is greatly suspected of being a source of contamination.

#### B-1 Potential for Surface Water Contamination

Rating Factors	0			1			2			3			Multiplier
	Greater than 1 mile	2,001 feet to a mile	501 feet to 2,000 feet	0 to 500 feet	Greater than 1 mile	2,001 feet to a mile	501 feet to 2,000 feet	0 to 500 feet	Greater than 1 mile	2,001 feet to a mile	501 feet to 2,000 feet	0 to 500 feet	
Distance to nearest surface water (includes drainage ditches and storm sewers)													8
Net precipitation	Less than 10 inches	-10 to +5 inches	+5 to +20 inches	Greater than +20 inches									6
Surface erosion	None	Slight	Moderate	Severe									8
Surface permeability	0% to 15% clay (>10 <sup>-2</sup> cm/sec)	15% to 30% clay (10 <sup>-2</sup> to 10 <sup>-4</sup> cm/sec)	30% to 50% clay (10 <sup>-4</sup> to 10 <sup>-6</sup> cm/sec)	Greater than 50% clay (<10 <sup>-6</sup> cm/sec)									6
Rainfall intensity based on 1-year, 24 hour rainfall (thunderstorms)	<1.0 inch 0-5 0	1.0 to 2.0 inches 6-35 30	2.1 to 3.0 inches 36-49 60	>3.0 inches >50 100									8

#### B-2 Potential for Flooding

Floodplain	Beyond 100-year floodplain	In 100-year floodplain	In 10-year floodplain	Floods annually	1
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#### B-3 Potential for Groundwater Contamination

Depth to groundwater	Greater than 500 feet	50 to 500 feet	11 to 50 feet	0 to 10 feet	8
Net precipitation	Less than 10 inches	-10 to +5 inches	+5 to +20 inches	Greater than +20 inches	6
Soil permeability	Greater than 50% clay (<10 <sup>-6</sup> cm/sec)	30% to 50% clay (10 <sup>-4</sup> to 10 <sup>-6</sup> cm/sec)	15% to 30% clay 10 <sup>-2</sup> to 10 <sup>-4</sup> cm/sec	0% to 15% clay (>10 <sup>-2</sup> cm/sec)	8
Subsurface flows	Bottom of site greater than 5 feet above high groundwater level	Bottom of site occasionally submerged	Bottom of site frequently submerged	Bottom of site located below mean groundwater level	8
Direct access to groundwater (through faults, fractures, faulty well casings, subsidence, fissures, etc.)	No evidence of risk	Low risk	Moderate risk	High risk	8

#### IV. WASTE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES CATEGORY

A. This category adjusts the total risk as determined from the receptors, pathways, and waste characteristics categories for waste management practices and engineering controls designed to reduce this risk. The total risk is determined by first averaging the receptors, pathways, and waste characteristics subscores.

#### B. Waste Management Practices Factor

The following multipliers are then applied to the total risk points (from A):

<u>Waste Management Practice</u>	<u>Multiplier</u>
No containment	1.0
Limited containment	0.95
Fully contained and in full compliance	0.10

Guidelines for fully contained:

##### Landfills:

- o Clay cap or other impermeable cover
- o Leachate collection system
- o Liners in good condition
- o Adequate monitoring wells

##### Surface Impoundments:

- o Liners in good condition
- o Sound dikes and adequate freeboard
- o Adequate monitoring wells

##### Spills:

- o Quick spill cleanup action taken
- o Contaminated soil removed
- o Soil and/or water samples confirm total cleanup of the spill

##### Fire Protection Training Areas:

- o Concrete surface and berms
- o Oil/water separator for pretreatment of runoff
- o Effluent from oil/water separator to treatment plant

General Note: If data are not available or known to be complete the factor ratings under items I-A through I, III-B-1, or III-B-3, then leave blank for calculation of factor score and maximum possible score.

## **Appendix C**

### **Site Hazard Assessment Rating Forms and Factor Rating Criteria**

# HAZARD ASSESSMENT RATING FORM

NAME OF SITE Site No. 1 - Heating Oil Tank at Building 304

LOCATION South Side of Building 304 at Mt. Disappointment

DATE OF OPERATION OR OCCURRENCE unknown

OWNER/OPERATOR 162nd CCGP

COMMENTS/DESCRIPTION A small amount of heating fuel is believed to have been released at this site.

SITE RATED BY Science & Technology, Inc.

## I. RECEPTORS

Rating Factor	Factor Rating (0-3)	Multiplier	Factor Score	Maximum Possible Score
A. Population within 1000 ft. of site	1	4	4	12
B. Distance to nearest well	0	10	0	30
C. Land use-zoning within 1-mile radius	0	3	0	9
D. Distance to installation boundary	3	6	18	18
E. Critical environments within 1-mile radius of site	3	10	30	30
F. Water quality of nearest surface water body	3	6	18	18
G. Groundwater use of uppermost aquifer	0	9	0	27
H. Population served by surface water supply within 3 miles downstream of site	2	6	12	18
I. Population served by groundwater supply within 3 miles of site	2	6	12	18

Subtotals 94 180

Receptors subscore (100 x factor score subtotal/maximum score subtotal) 52

## II. WASTE CHARACTERISTICS

A. Select the factor score based on the estimated quantity, the degree of hazard, and the confidence level of the information.

1. Waste quantity (S = small, M = medium, L = large)

S

2. Confidence level (C = confirmed, S = suspected)

C

3. Hazard rating (H = high, M = medium, L = low)

H

Factor Subscore A (from 20 to 100 based on factor score matrix) 60

B. Apply persistence factor

Factor subscore A x Persistence Factor = Subscore B

$$\begin{array}{rcccl} 60 & & 0.8 & & 48 \\ \hline & \times & & = & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

C. Apply physical state multiplier

Subscore B x Physical State Multiplier = Waste Characteristics Subscore

$$\begin{array}{rcccl} 48 & & 1.0 & & 48 \\ \hline & \times & & = & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

### III. PATHWAYS

Rating Factor	Factor Rating (0-3)	Multiplier	Factor Score	Maximum Possible Score
A. If there is evidence of migration of hazardous contaminants, assign maximum factor subscore of 100 points for direct evidence or 80 points for indirect evidence. If direct evidence exists, then proceed to C. If no evidence or indirect evidence exists, proceed to B.				Subscore 0

B. Rate the migration potential for 3 potential pathways: Surface water migration, flooding, and groundwater migration. Select the highest rating, and proceed to C.

#### 1. Surface water migration

Distance to nearest surface water	3	8	24	24
Net precipitation	0	6	0	18
Surface erosion	2	8	16	24
Surface permeability	3	6	18	18
Rainfall intensity	2	8	16	24
Subtotals			74	108
Subscore (100 x factor score subtotal/maximum score subtotal)				69

#### 2. Flooding

Subscore (100 x factor score/3)

#### 3. Groundwater migration

Depth to groundwater	0	8	0	24
Net precipitation	0	6	0	18
Soil permeability	0	8	0	24
Subsurface flows	0	8	0	24
Direct access to groundwater	3	8	24	24
Subtotals			24	114
Subscore (100 x factor score subtotal/maximum score subtotal)				21

#### C. Highest pathway score

Enter the highest subscore value from A, B-1, B-2, or B-3 above

Pathways subscore 69

### IV. WASTE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

A. Average the three subscores for receptors, waste characteristics, and pathways.

Receptors	52
Waste Characteristics	48
Pathways	69
Total 169 divided by 3 =	56
Gross Total Score	

B. Apply factor for waste containment from waste management practices.

Gross Total Score x Waste Management Practices Factor = Final Score

$$56 \times 0.95 = 53$$

**Mt. Disappointment Air National Guard Station  
Los Angeles, California**

**USAF Hazard Assessment Rating Methodology  
Factor Rating Criteria**

The following is an explanation of the HARM factor rating criteria for the potential site.

**I. Receptors**

**A. Population Within 1000 feet of Site.**

Factor Rating 1.

The Station is normally not occupied; however, several persons periodically visit the Station to perform radio maintenance. It is also possible for hikers to walk up to the Station property.

**B. Distance to Nearest Water Well.**

Factor Rating 0.

There are no water wells located within three miles of the Station.

**C. Land Use-Zoning (within 1-mile radius).**

Factor Rating 0.

The area within a 1-mile radius of the Station is completely remote.

**D. Distance to Installation Boundary.**

Factor Rating 3.

Site No. 1 is located within 1000 feet of the Station's boundary.

**E. Critical Environments (within 1-mile radius).**

Factor Rating 3.

The Station is located within the Angeles Forest. There are endangered and threatened species occurring within a 1-mile radius, and Mt. Disappointment is part of a major recharge area.

**F. Water Quality/Use Designation of Nearest Surface Water Body.**

Factor Rating 3.

Several streams begin within the San Gabriel Mountains. Some of these streams recharge aquifers down from the San Gabriel Mountains.

**G. Groundwater Use of Uppermost Aquifer.**

Factor Rating 0.

Because of the rock structure, there is no aquifer underneath the Station.

**H. Population Served by Surface Water Supplies Within 3 miles Downstream of Site.**

Factor Rating 2.

The population within 3 miles is estimated to be less than 100. These persons obtain their water supply largely from springs which are recharged by surface waters.

**I. Population Served by Aquifer Supplies Within 3 miles Downstream of Site.**

Factor Rating 2.

It is estimated that less than 100 persons within a 3-mile radius of the Station are served by springs. To be conservative, springs are assumed to be equivalent to groundwater supplies.

**II. Waste Characteristics**

**A-1:** Hazardous Waste Quantity - Factor Rating S (Small).  
A small quantity, less than 20 drums, of fuel oil is estimated to have been released at this site.

**A-2:** Confidence Level - Factor Rating C (Confirmed).  
Several interviewees reported that a small amount of fuel oil had been released at this potential site.

**A-3:** Hazard Rating - Factor Rating H (High).  
A high hazard rating was assigned because fuel oil corresponds to a high toxicity according to HARM.

**B. Persistence Multiplier for Point Rating.**

This potential site was assigned a persistence multiplier of 0.8 based on the presence of fuel oil. This material corresponds primarily to the HARM category of "Straight Chain Hydrocarbons."

### **C. Physical State Multiplier.**

A physical state multiplier of 1.0 was applied to the potential site because the substance released was a liquid.

## **III. Pathways Category**

### **A. Evidence of Contamination.**

Site No. 1 was given a score of 0 (no evidence) because it is not greatly suspected of being a source of contamination.

### **B-1 Potential for Surface Water Contamination.**

- o Distance to Nearest Surface Water: Factor Rating 3.  
Site No. 1 is located within 500 feet of drainage ditches and storm sewers.
- o Net Precipitation: Factor Rating 0.  
The average annual net precipitation on Mt. Disappointment is approximately -38 inches.
- o Surface Erosion: Factor Rating 2.  
There is moderate soil erosion at Site No. 1.
- o Surface Permeability: Factor Rating 3.  
The surface at the Station is virtually impermeable because of the presence of rock.
- o Rainfall Intensity Based on 1-year, 24-hour Rainfall: Factor Rating 2.  
The rainfall intensity in the Station area is approximately 2.25 inches.

### **B-2 Potential for Flooding.**

Factor Rating 0.  
Site No. 1 is located beyond the 100-year flood plain of local streams.

### **B-3 Potential for Groundwater Contamination.**

- o Depth to Groundwater: Factor Rating 0.  
Because of the rock structure, there are no aquifers underneath the Station.



- o Net Precipitation: Factor Rating 0.  
See B-1.
- o Soil Permeability: Factor Rating 0.  
The surface material at the Station is composed of granitic rock and is relatively impermeable. Therefore, the threat to any groundwater is minimal.
- o Subsurface Flows: Factor Rating 0.  
The bottom of Site No. 1 is greater than 5 feet above high groundwater level.
- o Direct Access to Groundwater: Factor Rating 3.  
Direct access to groundwater through faults, fractures, faulty well casings, subsidence, etc., is high risk for Site No. 1.

#### **IV. Waste Management Practices Factor**

A multiplier of 0.95 is applied to Site No. 1 because limited containment is provided by a 3-feet, concrete-filled block dike that surrounds the tank.